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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A. D. 1892.

THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK met, agreeably to appointment, in the Fourth Church in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1892, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. ASA S. FISKE, D. D., of the Presbytery of Cayuga, on Ephesians 4: 11-13: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.

James N. Crocker, D. D.,
James Gardner, D. D.,
David M. Reeves, D. D.,
Alexander Rankin, D. D.,
Charles H. Baldwin, D. D.,

Ruling Elders.

John T. Rice (3).
Frederick Carr.
James Rodgers.
John P. Lansing.
Samuel H. Freeman, M. D.

Ministers.

Isaac O. Best,
John J. Henning,
George N. Karner,

Ruling Elders.

Thomas R. Blackburn.
Prof. Samuel B. Howe.
James H. Bronson (2).

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Marshall B. Angier,
John Van C. Nellis, Ph. D.,

Franklin Edgerton.
Franklin L. Goodenough.

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON..

Robert Court, D. D.,
William Adams, D. D.
Samuel C. Gunn.
Frank H. Hinman.
Charles S. Dewing.

William Findlay.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

William A. Holliday, D. D. (2),
Robert D. Sproull, D. D.,
Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D. (2),
John F. Carson,
Augustus B. Prichard.
David Junor.

Verranus Morse, M. D.
James M. Ham.
Prof. Darwin G. Eaton.
Edward H. Branch.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,
John McLachlan,
John Paul Egbert (2),
Herbert G. Lord,
Newton L. Reed,
Lansing Van Schoonhoven,

Edward A. Skinner.
Charles W. Hamlin.
Francis A. Board.
Horace Briggs.
John A. Bell.
William O. Curtiss.

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Asa S. Fiske, D. D.,
Willis J. Beecher, D. D.,
Clarence H. Beebe,
William H. Hubbard.

Charles P. Mosher.
Levi T. Hamilton.
David Everett.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Francis B. Hall,
Joseph Gamble,
George F. Chipperfield (3).

John F. Whitney.
John S. Kirby.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.

E. Woodward Brown,
Hiram H. Kellogg,
Allen F. DeCamp.
Bryce K. Douglas.

Ruling Elders.

John Farr.
William E. Farr (2).

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Chester C. Thorne,
Christopher G. Hazard (2),
William S. Long,

Peter H. White.
Ezra P. Pratt.
John Cadman.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Elizur N. Manley,
John C. Long,
Cassius H. Dibble.

William R. Halbert.
James N. Wyckoff.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

Albro L. Greene,
N. Beall Remick, D. D.,
William W. Weller (2),
Ebenezer B. McGhee.

David Eddy Barnes.
James Mead.
Andrew S. Long.

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Luther Littell,
James C. Forsythe (2),
Thomas Nichols,
Charles Beattie,
David F. Bonner, D. D.,
John H. Thompson.

J. Erskine Mills.
William Mitchel.
Linn Roy.
Joseph D. McCoy.
Brewster J. Allison.

XV. PESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Robert C. Hallock, Ph. D.,
Clement G. Martin,
William H. Roberts.

Edward L. Gerard.
Jehiel S. Raynor.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Ministers.

Stephen G. Hopkins,
Howard Cornell,
Alexander D. McIntosh,

Ruling Elders.

Lorenzo N. Snow.
Charles D. Gaylord.
Henry M. Clark.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

John A. Davis,
Henry A. Lewis,
Jacob E. Mallmann,
John Hutchison.

Isaac Rogers.
John H. Prall (3).
Stanley Davison (2).

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Francis H. Marling,
Charles S. Robinson, D. D.,
James H. McIlvaine, D. D.,
George S. Webster,
Wilton Merle Smith, D. D.,
Francis Brown, D. D.,
William T. Elsing,
David G. Wylie, Ph. D.,
J. Balcom Shaw, D. D.,

Cleveland H. Dodge.
Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
J. Cleveland Cady.
Henry R. Elliot.
James Yereance.
John McWilliams.
Daniel J. Holden.
Henry M. Humphrey.
George E. Sterry.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Edward Huntingt Rudd,
Albert S. Bacon,
S. Seymour Phelps.

Everett M. Baker, M. D.
David J. Wells.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Cornelius S. Stowitts,
Thomas C. Straus,
Emory A. Nelson,
Plato T. Jones,

Alfred B. Smith.
Edwin B. Husted.
Cornelius D. Bloomer.
William H. Allen (2).
Ogden D. Daley.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

John L. Jones,
Leonard E. Richards,
James O. Denniston,
Samuel R. Warrender.

John Wright.
John Graham.
Rufus S. Ives.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Ministers.

Henry Wickes,
 Levi Parsons, D. D.,
 Benjamin F. Willoughby,
 Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D.,
 Theodore B. Williams,
 Gerard B. F. Hallock,
 Louis F. Ruf (2).

Ruling Elders.

William R. McNair.
 William S. McKenzie.
 Hugh T. McNair (2).
 William F. Parry.
 Myron M. Oliver.
 Louis Chapin.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,
 Allan Macy Dulles (2),
 William F. Skinner.
 Alexander K. McNaughton.

Samuel W. Close, M. D.
 Alexander Allen.

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Samuel W. Pratt,
 George W. Warren,
 William G. White.
 James A. Miller.

Charles H. Fuller.
 Joseph C. Gray.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

George B. Spalding, D. D.,
 David McK. Rankin, D. D.,
 George Bayless,
 Allan D. Draper (3),
 Edward A. McMaster.

William H. Niven.
 Samuel J. Wells.
 Hon. John C. Churchill.
 Horace F. Ludlow.

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Alexander Proudfit,
 William M. Johnson, D. D.,
 Donald Mac Gregor,
 Albert Sellers Mays (2),
 Lee W. Beattie,
 Adrian V. S. Wallace,
 Robert H. Carson,

David Bradt.
 Aaron H. Graves.
 John Gow.
 William H. Wilcox.
 DeWitt C. Halstead.
 Edward N. Dauchy.
 James A. Vandenberg.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Ministers.

C. Cotton Kimball, D. D.,
 George Hardy,
 Dana W. Bigelow (2),
 A. Grosvenor Hopkins, Ph. D. (2),
 Robert L. Bachman, D. D.,
 Israel N. Terry,
 Charles W. Rice,

Ruling Elders.

James C. Stark.
 David H. Burrell.
 Jacob Winnie.
 Hudson Bidwell.
 Lewis T. Sherrill.
 Zephaniah R. Evans.
 James K. Harris (2).

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Thornton M. Niven, Jr., D. D.,
 Alexander Miller,
 John H. Trussell,
 Charles S. Lane,
 Arthur Requa,
 George R. Cutting,
 John S. Penman (2),
 J. Hendrik de Vries,

A. Noel Blakeman.
 William H. Foster.
 Thomas Gilbert.
 John G. Clark.
 Stanton Cady.
 James F. Kennard.
 Benjamin Weed (2).
 Ebenezer G. Platt.

XXXI. PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN PERSIA.

The Rev. LEVI PARSONS, D. D., of the Presbytery of Rochester, was elected Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. CLARENCE H. BEEBE, of the Presbytery of Cayuga, and the Rev. J. HENDRIK DE VRIES, of the Presbytery of Westchester, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, the Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., reported the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the daily sessions be from nine o'clock until twelve, and from three until five.
2. That the devotional services on Wednesday be conducted by the Rev. William Adams, D. D.
3. That the Board of Missions for Freedmen be heard at half-past ten o'clock, the Board of Aid for Colleges at half-past eleven, and the American Tract Society at half-past four on Wednesday.
4. That a popular meeting for Foreign Missions be held at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, to be addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Arthur Mitchell, D. D., and John G. Paton, D. D.

5. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed on Thursday morning at nine o'clock, the services to be conducted by the Rev. Messrs. John Paul Egbert and Edward Hunting Rudd, assisted by the following Ruling Elders: James Rodgers, James M. Ham, Edward A. Skinner, Jehiel S. Raynor, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, James Yereance, Alfred B. Smith, Hugh T. McNair, John C. Churchill, DeWitt C. Halstead, Lewis T. Sherrill, A. Noel Blakeman.

6. That on Thursday evening, at half-past seven, there be a popular meeting for Home Missions, to be addressed by the Rev. Messrs. William C. Roberts, D. D., and Allan Macy Dulles.

7. That the devotional services on Friday be led by the Rev. Howard Cornell.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present:

Presbytery of Albany: Elder—James H. Bronson.

Brooklyn: Ministers—C. Cuthbert Hall, William A. Holliday.

Buffalo: Minister—John Paul Egbert.

Chemung: Elder—William E. Farr.

Columbia: Minister—Christopher G. Hazard.

Geneva: Minister—William W. Weller.

Hudson: Minister—James C. Forsythe.

Nassau: Elder—Stanley Davison.

North River: Elder—William H. Allen.

Rochester: Minister—Louis F. Ruf; Elder—Hugh T. McNair.

St. Lawrence: Minister—Allan M. Dulles.

Troy: Minister—Albert S. Mays.

Utica: Ministers—A. Grosvenor Hopkins, Dana W. Bigelow; Elder—James K.

Harris.

Westchester: Minister—John S. Penman; Elder—Benjamin Weed.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES :

Ministers—Asa S. Fiske, D. D., Charles S. Robinson, D. D., William M. Johnson, D. D., Cornelius S. Stowitts, David M. Reeves, D. D., James Otis Denniston, Robert L. Bachman, D. D., Stephen G. Hopkins.

Elders—Louis Chapin, J. Cleveland Cady, Hon. John C. Churchill, Edward A. Skinner, John Cadman, Everett M. Baker, John Farr.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS :

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, D. D., James Gardner, D. D., George B. Spalding, D. D., Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., Cassius H. Dibble, David F. Bonner, D. D., Robert D. Sproull, D. D., John Van C. Nellis, Ph. D.

Elders—Stanton Cady, James C. Stark, Horace Briggs, Andrew S. Long, Alfred B. Smith, Levi T. Hamilton, William R. Halbert.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

Ministers—Francis B. Hall, John McLachlan, E. Hunting Rudd.

Elders—James M. Ham, A. Noel Blakeman.

4. FINANCE :

Elders—Kiliaen VanRensselaer, David Eddy Barnes, Francis A. Board, John G. Clark, John P. Lansing.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE :

Ministers—Herbert G. Lord, Isaac O. Best, Charles S. Dewing.

Elders—Verranus Morse, M. D., John L. Kirby.

6. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO SEMINARIES, ETC. :

Ministers—Willis J. Beecher, D. D., Theodore B. Williams, Robert C. Hallock, Ph. D., George Bayless, Jacob E. Mallmann.

Elders—Prof. Samuel B. Howe, J. Erskine Mills, Cleveland H. Dodge, John Graham.

7. NOMINATIONS OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS :

Ministers—William H. Hubbard, Thornton M. Niven, Jr., D. D., Leonard E. Richards, Hiram H. Kellogg, Chester C. Thorne.

Elders—Darwin G. Eaton, Lewis T. Sherrill, Edward N. Dauchy, Franklin L. Goodenough.

8. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD, ETC. :

Ministers—Bryce K. Douglas, Samuel W. Pratt, N. Beall Remick, D. D., Benjamin F. Willoughby, Edward Hunting Rudd.

Elders—Franklin Edgerton, Charles P. Mosher, Horace F. Ludlow, Charles W. Hamlin.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. ALBANY : *Ministers*—Frank H. Hinman, Marshall B. Angier ; *Elder*—Peter H. White.

2. BINGHAMTON : *Ministers*—William Adams, D. D., John C. Long ; *Elder*—Frederick Carr.

3. BOSTON : *Ministers*—Alexander Rankin, D. D., Charles S. Lane ; *Elder*—James H. Kennard.

4. BROOKLYN : *Ministers*—Wilton Merle Smith, D. D., George R. Cutting ; *Elder*—Jacob Winnie.

5. BUFFALO : *Ministers*—Robert Court, D. D., Alexander K. McNaughton ; *Elder*—Zephaniah R. Evans.

6. CAYUGA : *Ministers*—Arthur Requa, John J. Henning ; *Elder*—William Findlay.

7. CHAMPLAIN : *Ministers*—Albro L. Greene, John H. Trussell ; *Elder*—William H. Foster.

8. CHEMUNG : *Ministers*—Alexander Proudfit, Edward A. McMaster ; *Elder*—Charles H. Fuller.

9. CHILE : [No records.]

10. COLUMBIA : *Ministers*—Allen F. DeCamp, Louis F. Ruf ; *Elder*—James Mead.

11. EASTERN PERSIA : *Ministers*—John A. Davis, Albert S. Bacon ; *Elder*—Aaron H. Graves.

12. GENESEE : *Ministers*—William W. Weller, Wm. H. Roberts ; *Elder*—Linn Roy.

13. GENEVA : *Ministers*—Elizur N. Manley, William G. White ; *Elder*—Charles P. Mosher.

14. HUDSON : *Ministers*—Ebenezer B. McGhee, George N. Karner ; *Elder*—Hugh T. McNair.

15. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—Howard Cornell, Henry Wickes ;
Elder—William F. Parry.

16. LYONS: *Ministers*—Clement G. Martin, Alexander Miller ;
Elder—Hudson Bidwell.

17. NASSAU: *Ministers*—James H. McIlvaine, D. D., Israel N.
Terry ; *Elder*—Edward H. Branch.

18. NEW YORK: *Ministers*—James N. Crocker, D. D., Joseph
Gamble ; *Elder*—Samuel B. Howe.

19. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, D. D., E. Woodward
Brown ; *Elder*—Thomas Gilbert.

20. NORTH LAOS: [No records.]

21. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Charles S. Dewing, George Hardy ;
Elder—Ebenezer G. Platt.

22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—William F. Skinner, James A. Miller ;
Elder—Alexander Allen.

23. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—John L. Jones, George W. Warren ;
Elder—Samuel J. Wells.

24. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—David McK. Rankin, D. D.,
Samuel R. Warrender ; *Elder*—William R. McNair.

25. SIAM: [No records.]

26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—Thomas C. Straus, Donald MacGregor ;
Elder—John Gow.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—William T. Elsing, C. Cotton Kimball,
D. D. ; *Elder*—James A. Vandenbergh.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—David G. Wylie, Ph. D., Newton L. Reed ;
Elder—William H. Niven.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—Lee W. Beattie, George S. Webster ;
Elder—Joseph C. Gray.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Robert H. Carson, Charles W.
Rice ; *Elder*—James Yereance.

31. WESTERN PERSIA: [No records.]

Overtures, memorials, appeals and complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Printed copies of the docket of business, and of the minutes of the last Stated Meeting were distributed.

The records of the several Presbyteries, with the exception of Chile, North Laos, Siam, and Western Persia, were presented, and were referred to the Examining Committees, whose reports were made the order of the day for Thursday, at three o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented its Annual Report, which was accepted. The recommendations were amended, and the farther consideration of the report was made the second order for Thursday morning.

The Rev. Edward C. Ray, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, addressed the Synod.

It was

Resolved—That the reports to be made on the records of the Presbyteries be referred to a Special Committee of five, who shall collate the same, report to the Synod for approval the records which shall be found correct, and formulate such exceptions as may be made to records not approved.

The Committee was appointed as follows: *Ministers*—Augustus B. Prichard, James C. Forsythe, Gerard B. F. Hallock; *Elders*—Myron M. Oliver, David H. Burrell.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred as follows:

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. A memorial from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, concerning the organization of a church at Childwold.
2. An overture from the Presbytery of Hudson on the subject of Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches.
3. An overture from the Presbytery of Buffalo in regard to the establishment of a training school for the children of Indians in this State.
4. A communication from the General Association of Congregational Ministers of New York, in regard to the Law of Bequests.
5. A memorial from the Presbyterian Women's Temperance Association in Philadelphia.
6. An overture from the Presbytery of Oroomiah, asking for a dissolution of that Presbytery, and the dismissal of its ministers to other bodies.

To the Committee on Judicial Business :

1. An appeal of Elder Donald K. McLeod from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston.
2. A complaint of Rev. William G. T. Shedd, D. D., and others, against the action of the Presbytery of New York dismissing the case of Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D.
3. A complaint of Rev. Francis Brown, D. D., and others, against the action of the Presbytery of New York sustaining the ruling of its Moderator in reference to the Committee of Prosecution in the same case.
4. A complaint of Rev. Francis Brown, D. D., and others, against the action of the Presbytery of New York in refusing to enter upon its records the fact that a motion was made to discharge the Committee of Prosecution.

To the Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan :

A communication from the Presbytery of Cayuga proposing modifications in the scheme of Synodical Aid.

The Stated Clerk reported that to the Overture, transmitted to the Presbyteries last year, namely :

“Shall the Synodical Aid Work in the State of New York be conducted separately from the General Work of the Board of Home Missions”?

Eight Presbyteries have answered in the affirmative—Buffalo, Champlain, Chemung, Genesee, Long Island, Niagara, Stenben, Utica ; nine in the negative—Binghamton, Brooklyn, Cayuga, Columbia, Geneva, Hudson, Nassau, New York, Syracuse ; and nine have failed to make any report—Albany, Boston, Lyons, North River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Troy, Westchester.

The report was accepted.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Rev. Albert Brocher was invited to address the Synod at the beginning of the afternoon session, on Missionary Work in Belgium ; and the reading of the Pastoral Letter was made the first order for Thursday morning.

An invitation to a reception, after the public meeting this evening, in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, was tendered to the Synod by Mr. James B. Jermain, and was accepted with thanks.

A recess was taken until three o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Albert Brocher addressed the Synod on Religious Work in Belgium.

The Synodical Superintendents presented their report, and addressed the Synod.

The Report was accepted, and is as follows :

We report for the year ending October 1, 1892, as follows :

Visits to Congregations.....	212	Assisted in Church Dedication.....	1
Sermons.....	360	Meetings of Presbyteries attended.....	47
Baptisms.....	24	Presided to Elect Pastors.....	8
Lord's Supper administered.....	23	Presided on other occasions.....	many
Received on Examination.....	14	Ordinations—aided in.....	2
Received on Certificate.....	25	Installations—aided in.....	8
Letters and Cards Written.....	2,775	Miles traveled.....	24,372
Funerals attended.....	5	Expenses.....	\$593.69
Assisted in Ordaining Elders.....	8	Received.....	\$720.03
Assisted in Organizing Churches.....	2	Paid to the Board.....	\$125.00

This table represents the nature and extent of the work as nearly as possible by figures. A large part of the work cannot be shown accurately by this method. Pastoral visitation, conferences with Sessions and Trustees and others interested in the work, prayer meetings, Christian Endeavor meetings, Sabbath Schools, etc., have had a large share of our attention.

In obedience to the requirements of the Synod's plan, we have kept in close correspondence with the several Presbyterial committees, and with great pleasure we report the general and efficient aid of these committees. We have endeavored to encourage the weak churches by supplying their pulpits, by personal visitation from house to house, and by seeking to secure pastors for them.

It has been our custom to report at all the stated meetings of the Presbyteries, the condition of the churches under their care.

There have been but few opportunities of organizing new churches, but we have attended to these as there was occasion, reporting to the Presbyteries and aiding their committees.

The plan requires the general fostering and development of Presbyterianism throughout our respective districts. We have attended to that; and where opportunity has been given to supply the pulpits of the stronger churches, the attention of the people has been called to the Synodical Aid Work. Thus by personal presence in the giving churches we have elicited some interest in behalf of the churches that are aided.

Now that we have prosecuted this work for several years, a bureau of information for churches and ministers has become quite well established through our efforts.

We have many reasons for encouragement; and we gratefully recognize the blessing of God, the kind assistance of Ministers and Elders, the greatly increasing and active interest of Presbyterial committees in their care of the churches, the growing sympathy of the stronger churches in behalf of the weaker, demonstrating that we are one body, the

greetings of the weak churches when assistance is proffered and their expressed thanks for aid, and the increasing number of churches contributing to this object. But the fact remains that the contributions are not sufficient for the needs of the field, and far too many churches are yet closed for want of money.

The Special Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan presented the following report :

At the meeting of the Synod last year, your Committee, after much care and labor, presented a plan of Synodical aid, which embodied some features of the present plan, and many which were radically different. That report was sent to the Presbyteries with an overture, and with instructions to report their action to the Special Committee, together with any suggestions of changes that they might deem desirable, such action to form the basis of the Committee's report this year.

The Synod comprises twenty-six Presbyteries, besides those in foreign lands. Of these only eleven have reported to your Committee, four answering the overture in the affirmative, and seven in the negative. Two of those which voted "No" have offered suggestions which, if adopted, would radically change the present plan. In view of the small vote, indicating a lack of interest in the new plan, and the fact that the negative vote on the overture was the larger, your Committee does not feel warranted in submitting either a new plan, or a modification of the old one; but thinks that, without making farther recommendations, it has fulfilled its duty. It therefore asks to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and the request was granted.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid presented a report, which was accepted. Final action on its recommendations was deferred.

In view of the prospective voluntary retirement of the Synodical Superintendent of the Western District at some time during the present year, it was

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Synodical Aid be empowered to accept his resignation when offered, and to fill the vacancy until the close of the Synodical year.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report which was accepted :

Your Committee faithfully attended all the examinations. Fifty-seven students enjoyed the instruction of the Seminary during the past year, the senior class numbering sixteen members. The institution claims to be not a university but a training school for the actual and practical work of the ministry. This cardinal principle actuates not only the Governing Board but also the Faculty. The enthusiasm of the instructors is communicated to the students. The examinations displayed a firm and logical grasp of the several subjects treated. There was also a remarkable evenness in the examinations.

The Seminary is well equipped with comfortable dormitories and a beautiful library building. A new chapel was greatly needed. To this end a bequest was made to the Seminary by the late Professor Welch, which was to become available as soon as sufficient moneys could be raised to complete the building. Rev. Samuel W. Pratt was com-

missioned to raise the needed funds, and has been very successful. A new chapel, with attractive and comfortable recitation rooms, is assured.

Some changes in the constitution of the Governing Boards are contemplated, but as they are not yet consummated, it is not within our province to describe them.

The chairs of the President and a Professor of Biblical Theology are yet unoccupied.

Larger endowments are needed for the highest efficiency of the institution. But even with the advantages possessed, a large class of valuable men is sent out each year to the work of the Ministry.

*It affords us pleasure once more to commend this institution anew to the Synod for the soundness, clearness and practical character of its theological instruction, and for the enthusiasm and efficiency of the students graduated. "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

The Committee of Visitors to Union Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted :

The number of visitors present was five. To some of these the occasion was of deepest interest, recalling a period in personal experiences when in this same institution they sat at the feet of instructors whose names are written in the most brilliant pages of the history of the Presbyterian Church: Robinson, whose erudition still feeds the channels of Biblical scholarship at home and abroad; Skinner, whose fervid eloquence will long remain a model of pulpit appeal; Hitchcock, who illumined the dryest passages of the Church's life with the glow of his imagination; and Henry B. Smith, whose System of Theology, at every point and doctrine, revolved around Jesus Christ as the Central Light.

To every member of the Committee the interest and importance of the visitation were intensified by the fact that in the unhappy controversy that has fallen upon our beloved Church, its storm center is found in this sacred institution. Very naturally the entire progress of the examination of the several classes was watched by your Committee with an eager, critical spirit.

Owing to the severe illness of the President, and the preoccupation of the Professor of Biblical Theology incident to the then approaching meeting of the General Assembly, the examinations were restricted to the departments of Dogmatic Theology, Symbolics, Christian Ethics, Hebrew, Greek Exegesis, Pastoral Theology and Church History. The range thus presented was broad enough to test the character of the instruction by which the students are trained for their most momentous work.

The answers to questions in many departments were both oral and written, and, as presented, were sufficient to afford a very full and accurate judgment of the proficiency of the students, not only in the knowledge of the subjects under review, but in the wider sweep of their thinking, and in their power to express themselves with force and clearness. The students impressed the visitors most favorably in these respects. The severe drill of the class-room was everywhere evident, but with this there was an individuality, an independent yet reverent thought, a breadth of culture, and a readiness and vigor of utterance in voice and language which are worthy of emphatic praise.

The large command of apt Scriptural references, to give force and backing to theory or statement, was very noteworthy. There was everywhere apparent a spirit of enthusiasm in study, loyal affection for instructors, a manly, Christian pride in their chosen profession, and an earnest missionary zeal and devotion. The sharp discipline, and wide variety of

discussion, and wealth of suggestion that came out in the exercises in New Testament Exegesis created a wish among the examiners that they might for a season take the place of the students on the benches. The advancement in method and material in this branch of study has been very great.

The new Professor in the Chair of Dogmatic Theology was bringing to a close his first year of service in the Seminary. The examination of the sixty or more bright young men, many of whom have already gone forth from his teaching into the ministry of the Church, was thorough and exhaustive. The entire course of theology was covered, and every cardinal doctrine of Christian faith was discussed in its fullness. The system as developed by Professor Smith, which he derived from the master minds in Sacred Philosophy, and which he so grandly enlarged, and irradiated by the Spirit of Christ, as the interpreter and arbiter of all truth human and divine—that system covering every fact of revelation and man's nature and destiny—the clearness and sufficiency of inspiration in the Bible, the present and lasting loss of men without a Divine, atoning Saviour; the purpose and result of redemption in holiness of character, is the text-book in the Seminary, and is taught in all its integrity by his distinguished successor.

Your Committee represented various schools of theological training and philosophy, and yet was united and hearty in affirming its great satisfaction with the results of these examinations, in which the scholarship, the spirituality and the sound doctrine of these students were made conspicuously manifest.

The Committee would cordially commend the Seminary to the sympathy, confidence and co-operation of the Presbyterian Churches.

Rev. William A. Rice, D. D., addressed the Synod on the work of the American Tract Society.

The Committee on the next place of meeting reported a cordial invitation from the First Church of Rochester, and recommended that it be accepted.

The recommendation was adopted, with the thanks of the Synod; and it was ordered that the next annual meeting of the Synod be held in the First Church of the City of Rochester, N. Y.

The Session of the Church was appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to its number.

The Committee of Visitors to the University of the City of New York presented an informal report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Church Erection presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by the Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., the recommendations were adopted:

The Board of Church Erection maintains a vital relation to our interests as a Denomination. Much of our aggressive effort depends largely on its efficiency. It is the right arm of Home Missions, and its prosperity encourages laborers all over the field.

This Columbian year, which records the wonderful advancement of the past four centuries, is God's call to greater things. It should mark an era of increase in the number of Presbyterian churches and manses.

Last year, \$150,000 was required to meet the demands made on the Board by weak and needy churches. Only the sum of \$106,242 was granted, on account of insufficient funds. The churches aided were 252, and 162 churches and manses were completed without debt, valued at over \$400,000. The appropriations were scattered over 24 Synods, 95 Presbyteries, and 32 States and Territories. New congregations were organized at the rate of two every three days of last year. This should be increased to at least one new church every day.

The history of the Board encourages us to set our standard high. During the 44 years of its existence it has aided more than 5,000 churches, to the extent of over \$2,500,000. Scarcely fewer than a million of people have thus been provided with places of worship.

Our Synod is at the head of the list as a contributor towards this, as towards other Boards of the church. It is largely on our gifts that the Board relies for its ability to carry on its work. Last year, \$77,531, over one quarter of the whole amount raised, was reported from our churches. Only about \$17,000, or 22 per cent., however, reached the Board, the remaining \$60,000 having been given to local and special objects. It is gratifying to know that only \$1,700, or one-tenth of the amount paid into the treasury, was drawn out to assist our own churches, namely, \$1,000 to the Roxbury Church, Boston, \$200 to the manse at Otego, \$400 to the Tuscarora Reservation, and \$100 to Old Town.

While the Synod is doing so much for the Board of Church Erection, it has the ability to give, and should give, far more abundantly. Nearly one-half of its 874 churches contributed nothing to this object the last year. Special reasons undoubtedly prevented in some instances; but even a small contribution might be made by the weakest of our churches, toward this friend of weak and needy congregations.

The Committee notes, with special approval, an increasing interest in the erection of manses. This department of the Board's work commends itself to struggling churches. The manse is often a necessity more pressing than the church building itself. Under the wise provisions of the Board, 44 weak churches were able last year to erect manses.

The Loan-Fund Department, recently established, gives promise of rich blessing. It assists in the erection of churches, not by absolute grants, but by temporary loans. This new feature of Christian effort must attract large gifts and render material aid to overburdened congregations.

It is recommended,

1. That this Synod heartily approves and commends the Board of Church Erection under its present efficient management.
2. That it urges upon all its churches to make contributions to the treasury of the Board during the coming year.
3. That the churches give, as far as practicable, their special contributions, through its treasury.
4. That the two Departments known as the *Manse-Fund* and *Loan-Fund* be warmly approved and commended to the confidence and support of the stronger churches, and deserving churches are urged to avail themselves of their benefits.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the report of the Committee on Freedmen was made the order for half-past eleven o'clock A. M., on Thursday, at which time the Rev. Richard S. Holmes, D. D., shall be heard on behalf of the Board.

The following telegram, from Binghamton, was received :

"The New York State Christian Endeavor Convention sends fraternal greeting. Read Ephesians 4: 11-16."

The Stated Clerk was requested to return a suitable response. He recommended the following, which was adopted :

"The Synod of New York affectionately reciprocates the greetings of the Christian Endeavor Convention, and prays for the enlargement and prosperity of its work."

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and after devotional services, the Rev. Arthur Mitchell, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Board, and the Rev. John G. Paton, D. D., of the New Hebrides, addressed the Synod on the Work of Foreign Missions.

Adjourned until Thursday at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY, October 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in accordance with the arrangement.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present :

Presbytery of Albany : Elder — John T. Rice.

Champlain : Minister — George F. Chipperfield.

Nassau : Elder — John H. Prall.

Syracuse : Minister — Allan D. Draper.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The following minute was adopted :

The Synod of New York, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, assembled in its eleventh annual session, expresses the earnest hope that the Government of the United States will promptly co-operate with the powers of Europe in prohibiting the introduction and sale of fire-arms, intoxicating liquors and opium within the New Hebrides Islands.

A resolution on the observance of the 250th anniversary of the organization of the Presbyterian Church of Hempstead, L. I., was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Pastoral Letter was presented and read. An amendment was offered, and the letter and the amendment were referred to the Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

A careful reading of the last report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, under one of the resolutions of which this Committee was appointed, convinces it that its work is conditioned almost wholly upon the adoption of the plan for a Synodical Missionary Congress now before the Synod for final action, and which was an essential part of said report. And inasmuch as the first duty assigned to your Committee, by this report, contemplates the recommendation of ways and means whereby the Synod may more fully express its sympathy and co-operation with the Board of Home Missions, your Committee judges that at this time it is most truly fulfilling its mission by recommending the adoption of the plan for a Synodical Missionary Congress. Its conviction is strong that without some such opportunity for extended discussion as this plan proposes, a ten-minute report reviewing the work and needs of the Board, and closing with such resolutions as might seem advisable, would scarcely serve the practical ends designed by this appointment.

Therefore, without attempting any further report, and believing that the recommendation offered will tend to secure for the work of Home Missions the greatest sympathy and co-operation on the part of the churches, the Committee begs the Synod to give the most earnest and prayerful consideration to the subject of a Synodical Missionary Congress or Conference.

The consideration of the report on Systematic Beneficence was resumed, and the recommendations as amended were adopted. The following is an abstract of the report :

Last year the Synod relieved this Committee of all duties consequent upon its representation of the Boards, and diminished its number from seventeen to seven. By reason of these changes we are able this year to announce our platform.

1. We believe that systematic, proportionate giving to the Lord is not only the privilege but the duty of every communicant.

2. We believe that every communicant should be taught and urged to give systematically and proportionately to each Board of the Church.

3. As representing those whose church polity recognizes the authority of superior courts, and in view of the fact that this Committee was constituted at the request of the Assembly, we believe that our work should be identical with that of the Assembly's Special Committee, and that the prosecution of it should be in harmony with and subordinate to the suggestions and advice of that Committee.

Now, how can the work be accomplished? We reply in the language of the Assembly of 1879: By organization and by instruction. The Assembly's Committee, after twelve years of study and experiment, has planned an organization and established a bureau of instruction fully adapted to promote the work entrusted to it. The organization is called "The Presbyterian Union of Proportionate Givers", and the medium of instruction is a monthly paper called "The Christian Steward." The Assembly at Portland adopted the following recommendations: "That we heartily commend to all our churches the Presbyterian Union of Proportionate Givers as an agency tending to aid and encourage the systematic discharge of the obligations to God, and develop a spirit of beneficence in all who unite themselves with it;" and, "That Presbyterial Committees be urged to do all in their power to have Pastors and Elders place a copy of the "Christian Steward" in every family of their respective churches." To carry out these recommendations we ought to have a complete roll of the Elders of the Synod, and an appropriation large enough to enable us to secure a hearing every month in each church. We believe that this little ten cent paper will be as "the still small voice" of God, effectually calling the Church to the highest and holiest service, even the sacrificial worship of God by offerings.

The next subject that demands our earnest attention is the present method of reporting church gifts to the Assembly. In 1879, the Assembly directed Synodical Committees on Systematic Beneficence to present proper and fresh information to Church Courts. In 1881, the Assembly desired each Session to fill the statistical blank *in the interests of this Committee*. But the present statistical blank is an insuperable obstacle to exact and satisfactory statistical reports. In method, it is artificial, in scope confusing, in results comparatively valueless. We disapprove of it for the following reasons: 1. Because it involves a waste of money by creating the necessity of publishing in a separate volume the actual receipts of the Boards. 2. Because many contributions may be reported with equal propriety in any one of four columns, thus destroying the evidential value of these columns. 3. Because there is an entire absence of Presbyterian homogeneity. 4. Because there is a waste of space in assigning a double column to the General Assembly Tax, instead of placing it under Congregational Expenses. But before we destroy the old we must construct the new. In suggesting a design for a new statistical blank, your Committee has kept in mind four principles: 1. The unity of the Church in the Session. The statistical report is an official document sent by each Session to the Assembly to chronicle all the offerings of one church. The greater includes the less; therefore, any recognition of the Sunday School, Woman's Societies, or Young People's Societies, is unnecessary, and subversive of the principle that the unity of a Presbyterian Church is in the Session. 2. The inherent right of the giver to dispose of his own gift. There can be no restriction on the liberty of any person further than this, that he must give to Christ. The gifts received may be for denominational or undenominational objects. They may be direct to the Mission Boards, or direct to the Mission Fields. The statistical blank,

therefore, must provide space not only for Presbyterian beneficence, but for catholic beneficence as well. This suggests a third principle, viz.: The law of congruity, or the scientific classification of gifts into homogeneous groups. A river may have three mouths where it empties into the ocean. Thus from each church there flow three streams: One to Church work, by which we mean the eight Boards of the Assembly and the Synodical Aid Fund; a second to other objects distinctly Presbyterian, such as city missions and gifts direct to mission fields or to educational institutions; and a third, to objects wholly undenominational and philanthropic. By such a recognition of the law of congruity, our statistics will have a greatly enhanced value. Deductions can be drawn then that will set forth facts and not guesses. We shall be saved from violating a fourth principle. The cost of an article must not exceed its value to the purchaser. The cost of the two large volumes, the "Assembly Minutes" and the "Reports of the Boards" last year was \$7,699.12. The bulk of all this printed matter in each of these books, is "statistics." The statistics in the "Minutes" we cannot honestly count of great value, certainly not to us, and the receipts and disbursements of the Boards in separate book form we think wholly unnecessary to the Church at large, provided the Assembly blank be properly designed.

The Synod last year submitted to the Home Presbyteries a plan for a Synodical Missionary Congress. Of these Presbyteries, 14 approve the plan, and nine disapprove. Of the 14 approvals, 10 are without any qualifications or suggestions, viz.: those of Albany, Boston, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Lyons, New York, Niagara, Rochester and Syracuse; while four approve the plan in general as worthy of trial, viz.: Columbia, St. Lawrence, Utica and Westchester. Of the nine disapprovals, those of Binghamton, Steuben and Troy, are on the ground of an alleged multiplicity of meetings; those of Chemung, Long Island and North River, are without any assigned reason; that of Geneva is on the ground that the Congress is unnecessary and inexpedient; that of Hudson, on the ground of impracticability; and that of Nassau reads: "The Presbytery is unwilling to approve the plan, since we have, in the Synod itself, an organization which by modification may be adapted to the purpose." Brooklyn, Genesee and Otsego, have made no reply to the overture. The Presbyteries that have voted to approve represent 485 churches, while those voting to disapprove represent 263 churches. It thus appears that a very decided majority of the Presbyteries approves the plan submitted by the last Synod.

It is with a feeling of keen regret that we report the resignation of Rev. Alfred E. Myers, formerly of Syracuse, but now laboring in the Collegiate Church of New York City. His able "Discussion of Systematic Proportionate Giving," published last year by the Assembly's Committee as "Document No. 30", attests his mastery of this subject, and his rare fitness for a seat in the deliberations of this Committee. The necessity of declaring his place vacant is a duty, which we most reluctantly perform.

From the Assembly Minutes, we have compiled our Annual Statistical Report for the year closing April 1, 1892.

By comparing the statistics of this year with those of the preceding year, it appears:

1. That the total gifts of the Synod to objects represented by the several Boards of the Church have increased \$18,441, and to Congregational, including the General Assembly Tax, \$112,242, while the gifts to "Miscellaneous" objects have decreased \$79,391, leaving a net gain on the total of \$51,292.

2. That the direct gifts to the Church Boards have decreased \$6,812, and the payments by the Boards to the Synod \$8,017.

3. That the difference between the amounts credited in the Assembly Minutes to work represented by the Boards, and the actual receipts of the Boards, is \$337,919. This difference added to the gifts called "Miscellaneous," shows a disbursement of \$616,524 to objects outside of the Church Boards.

4. That deducting from the actual receipts of the Boards the disbursements within the Synod, there has been contributed to all the Boards the net sum of \$331,193, equal to \$2.00 for each communicant; this is a decrease of five cents per member. The number of communicants, excluding the foreign Presbyteries, is 165,232, showing an increase of 3,871.

The following tables show the comparisons, in detail, for the past two years :

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

BOARDS, ETC.	1891.	1892.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions.....	\$312,756	\$316,316	.....	\$3,560
Foreign Missions	203,892	201,206	\$2,686	.....
Education.....	28,669	20,431	8,238	.....
Sunday School Work	40,890	32,698	8,192	.....
Church Erection.....	42,498	77,531	.....	35,033
Relief Fund	29,813	26,384	3,429	.....
Freedmen	26,096	27,824	.....	1,728
Sustentation.....	13,493	15,363	.....	1,870
Aid for Colleges	19,505	18,300	1,205	.....
Total.....	\$717,612	\$736,053	\$23,750	\$42,191
General Assembly	14,673	15,333	.....	660
Congregational	2,106,178	2,217,760	.....	111,582
Miscellaneous.....	357,996	278,605	79,391	.....
Grand Total.....	\$3,196,459	\$3,247,751	\$103,141	\$154,433

II. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

BOARDS, ETC.	1891.	1892.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions.....	\$170,171	\$159,375	\$10,796	.....
Foreign Missions	111,915	116,690	.....	\$4,775
Education	17,399	16,383	926	.....
Sunday School Work	15,182	16,101	.....	919
Church Erection.....	19,513	17,655	1,858	.....
Relief Fund	28,141	25,148	2,993	.....
Freedmen	21,104	25,143	.....	4,039
Sustentation.....	13,991	12,691	1,300	.....
Aid for Colleges	7,620	8,948	.....	1,328
Total.....	\$404,946	\$398,134	\$17,873	\$11,061

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

BOARDS, ETC.	1891.	1892.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions.....	\$42,811.48	\$37,135.41	\$5,676.07	.....
Foreign Missions	2,750.00	2,750.00	.....	.....
Education.....	9,905.54	8,262.74	1,642.80	.....
Church Erection.....	2,700.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	.....
Relief Fund.....	16,792.00	17,593.00	.....	\$801.00
Total.....	\$74,959.02	\$66,941.15	\$8,818.87	\$801.00

IV. Comparison of the Rates per Member.

OBJECTS.	1891.	1892.	Loss.	Gain.	Entire Church in 1892.
To all objects	\$19.78	\$19.66	\$0.12	.....	\$17.22
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly	13.12	13.51	.....	\$0.39	12.20
To Benevolence at Large.....	6.66	6.14	.52	.....	5.03
To the Boards of the Church alone.....	2.51	2.41	.10	.....	.....

V. Comparison of Presbyteries in the Order of Percentage of Collections.

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sunday School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Sustentiation.	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.	Percentage.
Geneva	23	1	3	3	2	4	4	3	6	29	207	178	86	
Hudson	43	4	4	7	0	7	6	8	10	60	387	327	84	
Westchester	37	3	2	8	7	5	6	6	12	11	60	333	273	82
Albany	50	5	6	6	13	12	11	10	19	95	450	355	79	
Long Island	24	1	3	6	4	8	6	5	9	48	216	168	78	
North River	30	3	2	8	4	10	7	8	7	15	64	270	206	76
Rochester	46	...	6	13	10	14	13	10	20	18	104	414	310	75
Cayuga	23	3	4	6	4	9	10	7	4	10	57	207	150	72
New York	55	6	7	17	14	14	15	17	32	26	148	495	347	70
Utica	43	3	6	15	12	17	16	16	13	23	121	387	266	69
Brooklyn.....	35	6	6	7	12	11	11	14	17	14	98	315	217	69
Niagara.....	20	1	...	6	6	8	8	7	9	10	55	180	125	60
Nassau.....	26	6	6	7	9	8	8	12	7	13	76	234	158	68
Steuben	26	5	6	8	9	10	9	11	9	11	78	234	156	67
Troy	42	8	6	16	15	17	16	14	12	24	128	378	250	66
Buffalo	44	9	5	18	12	21	17	14	17	25	138	366	258	65
Lyons	18	1	1	7	7	9	8	11	6	12	62	192	100	62
Chemung.....	22	3	3	11	5	13	12	11	6	15	79	198	119	60
Syracuse	42	11	13	21	16	20	17	19	12	27	156	378	222	59
St. Lawrence.....	31	7	7	15	15	15	13	17	12	14	115	279	164	59
Columbia.....	19	4	6	9	7	9	11	9	5	11	71	171	100	58
Genesee	22	3	4	10	5	13	10	10	11	10	85	198	113	57
Binghamton	27	8	10	10	13	12	11	14	10	18	106	243	137	56
Boston	37	3	9	14	16	14	16	19	30	29	150	333	183	55
Otsego	27	4	10	15	8	16	17	15	14	17	116	243	127	52
Champlain	20	6	8	12	9	13	11	11	10	14	94	180	86	48
Total	832	124	143	277	241	307	289	301	291	420	2393	7488	5095	68

Your Committee recommends :

1. That the Stated Clerks of the Home Presbyteries be requested to forward to the Chairman of the Synod's Committee, the names of Presbyterial Committees on Systematic Benevolence.

2. That each Presbyterial Committee on Systematic Benevolence be requested to compile a roll of its Ruling Elders, and forward the same to Elder Francis A. Board, Buffalo, N. Y., Secretary of the Synod's Committee, prior to January 1, 1893.

3. That an appropriation of \$350 be granted this Committee to defray the expense of circulating the "Christian Steward" among the 3,800 Elders of the Synod.

4. That the Synod direct the convening of one Synodical Missionary Congress, according to the following revised plan :

PLAN OF MISSIONARY CONGRESS.

I. Before April 1, 1893, the Chairmen of the Permanent Committees of the Synod on the Boards of the Assembly, on Synodical Aid and on Systematic Beneficence, shall meet at the call of the Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, and select one of their number chairman. Thus organized, these persons shall constitute "The Committee of Arrangements," to select a place and arrange the programme for a Synodical Missionary Congress to be convened on the evening of the first Tuesday in June. This Congress shall be a deliberative body only, called by the direction of the Synod, and presided over by the Moderator of the Synod, or in his absence by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

II. It shall meet for the following objects :

1. To afford ample opportunity for spreading before the people the needs of our missionary and benevolent work, in a manner more personal and effective than can be secured by the printed page.

2. To provide a Synodical conference on the distinctively Presbyterian objects of beneficence, that by means of the knowledge thereby secured, and the personal interest and sympathy thereby stimulated, a larger proportion of our benevolent funds may find their way direct to the treasuries of the Boards.

3. To secure the co-operation and increase the intelligence of many of our most efficient and liberal laymen, who have no seat in the Courts of the Church, and hence are but rarely brought into close sympathy with the organized missionary work of the Church.

4. To arrange a meeting place for missionaries, secretaries, pastors, laymen and laywomen, where relieved from the technicalities necessarily consequent upon the meetings of the Church Courts, and provided with time enough, they may engage in earnest prayer and conference concerning their duties and privileges in laboring for the evangelization of the world.

III. The members of this Congress shall be chosen in the following manner: Each Presbytery shall elect as many ministers and elders as are elected to the Synod, and according to the same plan. Each church shall send one representative, who shall be appointed by the Session, from among the members of the congregation. Each Woman's Presbyterian Society shall send three representatives, elected by its corps of officers.

The officers of the Boards, the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and the members of the Synod's Committees on the Boards, Synodical Aid and Systematic Beneficence, shall be ex-officio members of the Congress.

IV. The sessions of the Congress shall be arranged so that each Board, Synodical Aid, and Systematic Beneficence, shall have an assigned place on the programme; and each Permanent Committee shall select speakers and topics for the portion of the programme assigned to it by the Committee of Arrangements.

V. It is not intended that this Congress shall impose any burden for entertainment upon the Church with which it meets.

VI. Representatives shall present credentials from the Moderator or Clerk of the bodies which they represent.

VII. The Committee of Arrangements shall have power to make any further provisions necessary to the successful operation of this plan.

VIII. Any overtures, suggestions or resolutions respecting the work of the Church, may be sent to the proper Permanent Committee of the Synod, and with its approval may be presented to the Synod.

IX. The report of this Congress shall be made to the Synod by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

A resolution to the effect that the first Congress be held at Saratoga Springs, was referred to the Committee of Arrangements for said Congress.

The Rev. Henry T. McEwen, of New York, sent reasons for absence which were sustained.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted. The following is an abstract of the report :

Your Committee, in examining the work done within the Synod during the past year in behalf of Foreign Missions, has experienced greater surprise than satisfaction, and the burden of their report must therefore necessarily consist of exhortation rather than congratulation. It is true that the churches of the State gave a few hundred dollars more to Foreign Missions during the last Assembly year than during the year which preceded it; but when it is remembered that our increase in members was 4,223, this sum indicates retrogression and not advance. The past year was one of exceptional prosperity in New York State, and every phase of our life felt the impetus. This of itself should have ensured all our Boards an increase of income. Did it in the case of the Foreign Board? In some sections and with a few individual churches, but not with the great aggregate of our congregations. The demands of our Missionary fields were multiplying all this while, and the proportions of the work everywhere steadily growing. Surely it is not too much to expect the interest at home to be commensurate with the increase abroad; and yet we, as a State in common with the majority of the other States of the Union, have fallen so far below both expectation and responsibility, as to bring discouragement to our brethren in the field, embarrassment to the Board, and discredit to the Church. We have compelled the Board in some cases to practically direct their missionaries to retrench, and in all others, to bid them keep from moving forward. Nor has this condition of affairs changed with the incoming of a new ecclesiastical year. Your Committee, from conference with the Treasurer of the Board, has learned that the contributions thus far reported are below those of the same period last year. The General Assembly authorized the expenditure of \$1,100,000 this year for Foreign Missions, and the Board, surveying the whole situation both at home and abroad, voted to appropriate \$975,000, which with its deficit of \$54,521, would necessitate the raising of 1,029,521—nearly \$100,000 more than was given last year, yet \$70,000 less than the Assembly recommended. Has the Church responded to the recommendation of the Assembly? On the contrary, she has already dropped below the record of the previous year, and given, up to this date, \$9,000 less than she did then. Does this not present a serious problem to the Synods of the Church? And shall this Synod in the rush and excitement of its annual sessions pass this problem by with indifference, deploring the situation and expressing a regret, but making no practical effort to remedy it or to solve the problem which is now weighing so

heavily upon the Board, and ought to weigh still more heavily upon the Church? We believe that this is not the spirit which pervades this Synod.

We are the Empire State. In a sense we dominate the Union. The whole continent looks to us for leadership. Our resources are incomputable. Business is good and industry advancing. Within the limits of our State are the metropolis of the nation and three of its next largest cities. In all of these our Church is strong and prosperous, and probably ranks first both in wealth and constituency. Have not the churches of the State then a large share of the present responsibility resting upon them? And is it not the duty of our Synod to lay this burden heavily upon its Presbyteries and Sessions? With a firm conviction that this is the case, the Committee would beg the Synod to do more than put itself on record in this matter, and to inaugurate some practical movement which will bring every church into line and tend to accomplish the needed results. The Committee has now under advisement a plan for a conference of the chairmen of all the Presbyterian Committees on Foreign Missions; and if the Synod approves, it will endeavor to carry this into effect; but without the support and co-operation of all our pastors and elders, the plan, however wisely conceived or faithfully executed, must necessarily fail of results.

The Committee is agreed that the need of the Church, in this as in all other branches of its work, is organization. Too much dependence has been put hitherto upon general interest and spasmodic impulse. Sessions have too often thrown the whole duty upon the pastor, and he has sought to do the work of a year in a single Sunday. Many and manifold lines of effort need to be pursued. Information must be given, committees appointed, letters written, printers ink called into service, subscriptions started, new societies organized, or old ones modified and aroused, the Sessions interested and set at work, and the Sabbath School and other organizations of the Church enlisted. And if every pastor of this State, burning with a zeal for Foreign Missions, begotten of the love of the Saviour and the conviction of the Holy Ghost, were to do this faithfully, conscientiously and prayerfully, this State, thus coming up to her duty, would take the lead, and the Board would be able to report to the next Assembly a surplus instead of a deficit.

The Committee therefore offers the following recommendations:

1. That the Synod pledge anew its interest and co-operation to the Board of Foreign Missions, and assure them of its desire and determination to increase its annual contribution to that cause of the Church which is committed to their hands.
2. That the Synod endorse the plan of its Committee on Foreign Missions for a conference of the various Presbyterian Committees, and urge its several Presbyteries to respond and co-operate.
3. That, in order to render the success of this plan the more easy and the more complete, the members of the Committee be increased from seven to twelve, and the following persons be named as the additional members: *Ministers*—George S. Webster, and Henry T. McEwen; *Elders*—Cleveland H. Dodge, James Yereance and Frank R. Chambers.
4. That the Committees on Foreign Missions of the Presbyteries be advised to institute some organized effort to reach and impress all the churches within their respective limits with the present needs of our Foreign Board, and to seek to induce every church which gave last year, to increase its offerings this year; and every church which did not appear in the last report of the Board, to begin to make an annual contribution to this cause.

5. That the Sessions of our churches be reminded of their responsibility, and asked to give this whole question definite, practical and immediate attention.

6. That our pastors be charged to remember how much depends upon their personal interest and faithfulness, and be recommended to initiate every possible effort which will increase the offerings of their churches for Foreign Missions this coming year.

7. That the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, the Sunday Schools, and all the other organizations of the individual churches be appealed to for increased support and co-operation.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following papers, and its recommendations were severally adopted :

1. A request from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence that the Synod approve the assent of the Presbytery to the organization of a church at Childwold by the Presbytery of Champlain.

It is recommended that the request be granted.

2. An Overture from the Presbytery of Hudson, concerning unemployed ministers and vacant churches.

It is recommended that the Overture be referred to the General Assembly, without any expression of the Synod as to its merits; since the whole matter has been and still is in the hands of a committee of that body, and the Synod does not desire further to confuse or complicate so important a question.

3. An Overture from the Presbytery of Buffalo, urging steps to secure the establishment of a school among the Indians of New York State, that will accomplish for their children what is now secured to the few who are removed from the reservations to the Government schools.

It is recommended that the matter be referred to a Special Committee, to ascertain what is desirable and feasible in the premises, and with power to fill vacancies and act meanwhile as circumstances may prescribe, report of conclusions and plans to be made to the Synod next year. The Committee is nominated as follows: Rev. Messrs. William S. Hubbell, D. D., Asa S. Fiske, D. D., and Samuel T. Clarke, and Elders Joseph H. Plumb and Horace B. Silliman.

4. A Communication from the General Association of Congregational Ministers of New York, asking the co-operation of the Synod in securing the repeal of certain restrictions in the Laws of 1848, Chap. 319, and Laws of 1860, Chap. 360, relating to Wills.

The following answer is recommended: The Synod of New York is not ready to pronounce these provisions of our statutes concerning wills and devises on the whole unwise or hurtful, and therefore respectfully declines to take any action.

5. A communication from the Presbyterian Woman's Temperance Association in Philadelphia, organized by the Assembly's Permanent Committee, requesting the appointment by the Synod of a corresponding committee of women.

The following answer is recommended: The Synod deems the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Temperance the fitting organization to designate such persons or auxiliaries as may be necessary to its greater efficiency. And the Synod extends to the Committee and its auxiliaries, hearty recognition and sympathy in its organization and work.

6. An Overture from the Presbytery of Oroomiah, asking the dissolution of that body, and the transfer of its ministers to other ecclesiastical relations.

In the understanding of the Committee there is no such Presbytery as that of Oroomiah, the Presbytery formerly bearing that name having been divided, at its own request, by act of the Synod in 1889, into the Presbyteries of Eastern Persia and Western Persia. The Committee cannot understand the case by any data in its possession, and recommends that no action be taken.

7. A resolution referred to this Committee, praying the Assembly to provide for a suitable celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Organization of the Church in Hempstead, L. I., by the Rev. Richard Denton, in 1644.

It is recommended that the Synod is not prepared to take any action in this matter.

A resolution relating to the opening of the Columbian Exposition on the Lord's Day was presented, and referred to the Standing Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day.

Rev. Edward P. Johnson, of the Particular Synod of Albany, of the Reformed Church, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

A resolution relating to the form of statistical reports to the General Assembly was offered, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Pastoral Letter was presented, as amended, and was adopted. It was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes and to be read to the congregations within the bounds of the Synod.

The Committee on the Board of Missions for Freedmen presented the following report, which was accepted; and after an address in behalf of the Board by the Rev. Richard S. Holmes, D. D., the recommendations were adopted:

The Committee begs leave to report that the last year of the Board's work proved to be the most successful in its history. The receipts were \$172,467, and the number of missionaries in commission was 371, of whom 286 were colored missionaries. This force, however, is entirely inadequate to the extent of the field to be covered, and the large population of Freedmen to be reached.

It is recommended, therefore, that the attention of the Church Sessions within the bounds of the Synod be earnestly directed to the claims of this Board, that steps may be taken to ensure an annual contribution from every church.

Also, that practical and prompt consideration be given to the action of the General Assembly, urging an increase in the gifts to this object, that they may reach the sum of \$250,000 for the current year—an advance of nearly fifty per cent.

The Committee, with profound regret, notes the recent death of the Rev. Richard H. Allen, D. D., the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, recalls his frequent appearance before this Synod, which was always stirred by his eloquence, and desires to express the

sorrow of the Synod over the loss thus sustained by the Board and the Church, and its loving recognition of his able, devoted, and successful services.

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

Your Committee, having visited the Institute, confirms the reports of previous committees for successive years. The Institute is favorably located, has a valuable property, and is doing excellent work. Those who are in possession and control of the property offer to deed it to the Synod for fifty thousand dollars. The Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies does not see its way clear to undertake anything in the way of endowment.

Your Committee has given much time and thought to the work committed to it, but has been unable to solve the problem of Synodical control.

It recommends that if, in the judgment of the Synod, it be wise and practicable to secure the control of the Institute, it devise and present to our churches some scheme by which the required endowment can be secured.

The Committee on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The first most natural duty of your Committee was to place itself in sympathy with the Board at Chicago, and to offer whatever aid it might render within the Synod, with a desire to act with the Board in hearty co-operation, whenever practicable. The response of the Board was most cordial, expressing a deep appreciation of the Synod's action. By order of the Synod, we brought to the notice of the Board the "Adams Collegiate Institute," hoping for some plan by which the institution might be secured to the Church and be placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Aid. But the Synod has not the funds necessary to this result, nor has the Board; and unless means are provided we must lose the valuable offer made by the Adams Institute. Thus far, then, the work of the Committee has been preparatory, but we believe right foundations have been laid for future usefulness. To-day this Synod stands third in its gifts to this Board. Why not first? We are first in other departments. But a much more laudable ambition would be to increase our gifts commensurately with our ability, our opportunities, and the needs of the Board's great work. It is recommended :

1. That the Synod reiterate the recommendation of the General Assembly, that every Pastor and Stated Supply present this object to his people at least once every year, and send an offering to this Board.

2. That Sessions are hereby instructed to see that the information furnished by the Board is placed in the homes of the congregations.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, and to report on what may be contained therein, requiring the action of the Synod, respectfully reports as follows :

It has carefully reviewed the Minutes ; but, notwithstanding their voluminous details, and their markedly interesting and important exhibit, there appears to be nothing requiring formal action on the part of this body.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

During the year, the question of Sabbath observance has commanded wide attention. In various portions of the State, and through different agencies, much has been accomplished in preserving the Sabbath, and in securing its better observance. Through earnest and persistent effort, the Excise Bill, as originally submitted to the Legislature of this State, was so amended as to prevent the legal opening of the saloon on the Lord's Day. While the Bill, as passed, has many objectionable features, yet it recognizes the sanctity of the Lord's Day. We note also with pleasure the action of the Legislature requiring the New York exhibit at the Chicago Exposition to be closed on the day of rest. While so much has been gained or held in our own commonwealth, a still greater victory has been won at the seat of our general Government. Throughout several States, petitions have been signed by tens of thousands of our citizens, requesting Congress to enact a law which should prevent the opening of the Columbian Exposition on the Lord's Day. Notwithstanding many counter petitions, the efforts of many influential politicians, and the arguments of many prominent papers, the cause of the Sabbath triumphed in the Council of the Nation. A goodly majority of United States Senators and Congressmen proved to be friends and defenders of the Christian Sabbath in its hour of greatest peril. With devout thankfulness to Almighty God, we recount these significant facts, and from them we derive new inspiration and courage with which to continue our efforts in preserving and perpetuating the Christian Sabbath in all its original integrity.

The Committee recommends :

1. That the Synod heartily ratifies the action of Congress in appropriating \$2,500,000 to the Directors of the Columbian Exposition on the condition that its gates be closed on the Lord's Day.
2. That the Synod earnestly protests against the efforts now made in certain portions of our country to reverse the Sunday-closing action of Congress in relation to the Columbian Exposition.
3. That this expression of the Synod be placed in the hands of the officers of the American Sabbath Union, with the request that a copy be furnished to each Senator and Congressman from New York State, and to the World's Fair Commission appointed by Congress.
4. That the ministers of the Synod be requested to preach on Sabbath Observance, on the first Lord's Day morning of April, 1893.
5. That the Committee be instructed to consult with the proper railway officials by the first of January, 1893, and strive to induce them to discontinue the running of excursion trains on the Lord's Day.
6. That the Synod instruct its Committee to secure and distribute, in the churches and Sabbath schools, without expense to the Synod, literature bearing on Sabbath observance.

The Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts was appointed on the Committee in place of the Rev. Hugh P. McAdam, who is about to remove beyond the bounds of the Synod.

The consideration of the report on Synodical Aid was resumed, and the recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee has acted the past year, as far as seemed best, in view of the Special Committee's report on the Synodical Aid Plan. It was aware that the Overture sent down by the Synod would call special attention to the demands of our weak churches upon the sympathies and liberality of our whole body.

In obedience to the Synod's direction, the Permanent Committee made the apportionment for the year; and it believes that a full knowledge of it came to the churches in the proper manner. An address was also sent to the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, calling to their particular notice the recommendations adopted by the Synod, and emphasizing the second, which asks our ministers and elders to bring the needs and demands of Synodical Aid to all the churches, and diligently see to it that all our congregations have an opportunity of contributing to its support. Letters and appeals, with the same intent, were largely sent, publicly and privately. Then, knowing that the reports of both the Committees on Synodical Aid were in the hands of the churches, and that in many quarters the question was agitated as to the feasibility of each Presbytery assuming the exclusive care of its own needy churches, your Committee deemed it advisable to await the result without further action on its part.

For the satisfaction and the encouragement of the Synod we call attention to the following statements: The Synodical Superintendents have been earnest and assiduous in their labors, and have accomplished good and we trust permanent results.

The Home Board is in hearty sympathy with the purpose of the Permanent Committee and the object of this fund, recognizes the contributions made to it as a welcome addition to our Home Missionary resources, and does not reckon deficiencies in the fund as in any sense a debt. We may depend upon the help of the Board in securing the entire success of the plan.

By the Minutes of the last Assembly we find that the receipts from all sources for Home Missions were \$998,101. Of this sum the Synod of New York gave \$316,316, and to the Church Sustentation Fund it contributed \$15,363, which makes for Home Missionary work, in these two departments, \$331,679, or nearly one-third of the amount given by the whole Church.

The number of home missionaries employed, including 360 missionary teachers, is 1,839. For the support, within the bounds of our Synod, of 140 of this large number, to help supply 150 needy churches and many out-stations, there has been paid \$25,927, less than \$200 each on an average. Add to this the expense for Synodical Aid during the last year, in the State, and we have \$29,469, which is less than the amount fixed in the recommendation of the Synod. This sum paid out for the needs at our own doors is only about one-eleventh of the amount which the churches of this Synod contribute to the great home work in other parts of our land. Surely this is a small proportion to expend upon the pressing wants of our feeble churches. And what do these feeble churches accomplish? Why should the stronger churches thus help the weak? In addition to the care they take of God's people in these scattered folds and around their own homes, they are useful, as our reports show, in the conversion and training of large

numbers who otherwise would not be reached by the means of grace. And by this instrumentality a very important source of supply is maintained for the stream of efficient Christian young men and women, flowing from these numerous springs to swell the tide in our large towns and cities, and help augment the vintage and the fruitage in the spiritual harvests they need for their life and increasing usefulness.

Of our 801 churches in the State, 433 have contributed to the Synodical Aid Fund \$11,952.06. The following table shows the receipts by Presbyteries, and the expenditures for Synodical Aid work in the year ending October 1, 1892:

PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Contributing Churches.	Receipts.	Payments.
Albany.....	37	\$1,824.52	\$1,300.00
Binghamton	14	327.33	675.00
Boston	8	27.50	.....
Brooklyn.....	13	444.49	2,100.00
Buffalo.....	11	429.43	1,212.50
Cayuga.....	14	315.37	833.33
Champlain.....	11	170.04	1,277.00
Chemung.....	15	292.41	1,208.34
Columbia.....	13	206.75	1,237.50
Genesee.....	10	159.19	400.00
Geneva.....	14	715.43	737.50
Hudson.....	32	480.74	1,068.34
Long Island.....	15	290.81	264.39
Lyons.....	11	128.25	712.50
Nassau.....	17	323.00	1,327.00
New York.....	22	1,324.97	3,075.00
Niagara.....	13	139.72	.....
North River.....	6	114.07	37.50
Otsego.....	11	191.89	761.25
Rochester.....	19	332.88	750.00
St. Lawrence.....	18	446.73	700.00
Steuben.....	16	160.77	1,283.75
Syracuse.....	21	463.01	1,804.00
Troy.....	28	684.00	1,395.00
Utica.....	29	941.51	1,075.00
Westchester.....	23	774.26	692.50

It will be seen that the number of churches contributing, and the amount given, remain much the same as last year, notwithstanding the agitation of new plans of ways and means.

Your Committee is satisfied that this cause is vital to the interests of our Church in the Synod, and that, from year to year, its importance and its claims upon the Church are increasingly acknowledged. If we press these claims continually and earnestly, we may hope to see our people contributing, as a duty and a privilege, the entire amount required to meet the appropriations asked for by the Presbyteries.

It is recommended :

1. That thirty-two thousand dollars be apportioned among the Presbyteries, in the same manner as last year, for this object.
2. That the Presbyteries, in making appropriations, shall unite contiguous churches wherever practicable, and that care be taken to ascertain whether due diligence has been used in raising from the churches themselves, as far as possible, the whole amount required for self-sustentation.
3. That the Synod earnestly presses upon its Presbyteries, its ministers and elders, the duty of bringing this object to the special attention of their churches and congregations, and of seeing that all have an opportunity of contributing to its support.

4. That the Synodical Superintendents be commended to the continued confidence and co-operation of the Board of Home Missions and of the Presbyteries and churches within the bounds of the Synod, and that they be reminded of the importance of distributing information widely respecting Synodical Aid, and of asking liberal contributions to its treasury.

5. That the action of the Board of Home Missions in relieving the Aid Fund, and in its efforts to secure its complete success in behalf of the needy churches in our own borders, be heartily and gratefully commended.

6. That Mr. Albert P. Stevens, be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Permanent Committee, occasioned by the death of Elder Edward P. Durant.

The Report of the Committee on Judicial Business was made the second order of business for the afternoon.

A recess was taken until three o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 20, 3.00 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed

THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS. *

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Miss Mary G. Rice, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Miss Helen S. Wells, Mrs. William N. Strong, Mrs. David N. Kirk, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, Mrs. Maria S. Dewey, Miss Carrie I. Fowler.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Ida Storrs, Miss Editha Stevens, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. Josiah S. Leverett, Mrs. James W. Manier.

Boston—Miss Elizabeth H. Kimball, Miss Jennie F. McKissick, Mrs. James A. F. McBain, Miss Fanny G. Bray, Mrs. John P. Newell, Mrs. Eben M. McPherson.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. James Quickshank, Mrs. George H. Pilsbury, Miss Ella McKee, Miss Helen M. Wells, Mrs. I. N. Thatcher.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. Fred. R. Eaton, Mrs. James N. Adam, Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Joseph W. Grosvenor, Mrs. Alfred Haines.

Cayuga—Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton, Mrs. William H. Hubbard, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. B. Nye, Miss Nellie Hopkins, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp.

Chemung—Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Miss Harriet Ely, Mrs. Henry W. Strang, Mrs. Allen F. DeCamp, Mrs. Alonzo W. Gray.

Columbia—Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Benjamin Way, Miss Alice Day, Mrs. Charles Stedham, Mrs. Rufus King, Mrs. Edward Stratton, Mrs. George LeFevre.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. John Wickes, Miss Fannie J. Buxton, Mrs. John C. Long, Mrs. Butler Ward, Mrs. Augustus Frank, Miss Minerva E. Rogers.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen A. Hawley, Mrs. Benjamin F. Pritchard, Mrs. Edwin H. Dickinson, Mrs. Nahum Grimes, Mrs. John S. Niles.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Alfred Neafie, Mrs. Thomas Nichols, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. David F. Bonner, Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

Long Island—Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. Phebe R. Reilley, Miss Amelia Smith, Mrs. William H. Littell, Miss Sarah J. Adams, Mrs. Edgar Wade.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Miss B. B. Ryerson, Miss Mary A. Aldrich, Mrs. Russell F. Stoddard.

Nassau—Mrs. J. R. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Samuel T. Carter, Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell, Mrs. John A. Davis.

New York—Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. George D. Phelps, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William H. Wickham, Miss Mary T. McGill, Mrs. A. B. Browning, Miss Jennie A. Ramsay, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Newton Ammerman, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Mrs. John C. Martin, Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. George S. Hutchinson, Mrs. H. C. Cornell, Mrs. Joshua S. Helmer, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Edward H. Rudd.

North River—Mrs. Hector Craig, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Miss Emma G. Wheeler, Mrs. LeRoy Cooley, Mrs. Myra V. W. Brinkerhoff, Miss Mary F. Mackie.

Otsego—Miss Catharine Roseboom, Mrs. James H. Robinson, Miss Mary L. Abell, Mrs. William F. Wilson, Mrs. Elihu Phinney, Mrs. Leonard E. Richards.

Rochester—Mrs. William Alling, Mrs. Louis Chapin, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss Elizabeth A. Clarke, Mrs. Henry C. Deane, Mrs. Lewis R. Webber, Miss P. F. Hubbard, Mrs. Alonzo A. Smith.

Steuben—Mrs. Francis A. Williams, Miss Mary Lockhart, Mrs. Joel D. Gillette, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. William H. Rice, Mrs. Edson H. Keller, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle.

Syracuse—Mrs. Allen Butler, Mrs. Nancy E. Dow, Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mrs. John E. Myers, Mrs. William M. Smith, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson, Mrs. Lucia Phillips, Mrs. James Frazee, Mrs. Abby M. Bond, Mrs. DeWitt Gardner.

Troy—Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Miss Elizabeth A. S. Eddy, Mrs. Robert H. McClellan, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Heman Goodman, Mrs. William W. Rockwell, Mrs. Howard L. Waldo, Mrs. Richard H. Ward, Mrs. L. H. Dennis.

Utica—Mrs. John C. Gallup, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran, Miss Helen C. Blue, Miss Adeline Loomis, Miss Helen E. Wells, Mrs. Jonathan B. Morse, Mrs. James H. Williams, Mrs. M. Woolsey Stryker, Miss Mary B. Hudson, Mrs. Judson G. Kilbourne.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. Mary Randall, Miss Cornelia B. Wheeler, Miss Mary Parsons, Mrs. Alfred F. Avery, Mrs. Helen C. Parsons.

The Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries, presented the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the Records of the following Presbyteries be approved, as far as written : Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Eastern Persia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Nassau, Niagara, North River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester.

2. That in view of the judicial case now pending in the Presbytery of New York, action on the Records of that Presbytery be postponed until the next Stated Meeting of the Synod.

3. That the Records of the Presbytery of Boston be approved as far as written, with the following exception :

In the minutes of the judicial case in which Mr. David K. McLeod appeals from the action of the Scotch Church, which appeal is entertained by the Presbytery, and the case acted upon, there is no mention of the subject matter of the case, either directly, or by reference to papers on file from the lower court.

4. That the Records of the Presbyteries of Brooklyn and Cayuga be approved as far as written, with the exception that these Presbyteries have adopted a rule dispensing with the requirement of a Latin exegesis from candidates for the ministry.

5. That the Records of the Presbytery of Lyons be approved as far as written, with the exception, that contrary to the explicit rule of the Synod, initials only are at times used before the surnames of the members of the Presbytery.

6. That the Records of the Presbytery of Steuben be approved as far as written, but with the suggestion that the reports of ordination services should be more explicit.

The Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee reiterates all that was expressed in its report of last year regarding the prosperous condition of the college. It congratulates the college and the Church with which it is so closely affiliated, that the physical resources and appointments of the institution have been largely increased, that its Faculty is enlarged, and that the Presidency has been accepted by the Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D.

The Committee has been notified of the following action of the Trustees of Hamilton College, taken June 28, 1892, which it takes pleasure in laying before the Synod :

Whereas, The Synod of New York of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as an expression of its interest in the college, has signified its readiness to appoint a committee to visit and attend the Annual Examinations and the Commencement, whenever it shall be requested to do so by this Board,

Resolved, That the Synod of New York is hereby requested to appoint, from year to year, a committee of five to attend the Examinations and Commencement of Hamilton College, as a means of diffusing a better knowledge of the institution, and awakening a deeper interest in its work throughout the field occupied by the Synod.

THOS. B. HUDSON, *Secretary*.

The Committee also calls renewed attention to the offer which has been made of a contribution of \$500 towards each permanent scholarship in Hamilton College for which any Presbytery in the Synod shall raise \$1,000; and announces that this offer is open until June 1, 1893.

The following Minute was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That we express our heartiest sympathy with the President of the United States and his family in view of the serious illness of Mrs. Harrison. We shall continually pray that they may continue to receive the sustaining and sanctifying grace of God. And we are grateful to our Heavenly Father who has bestowed upon the sufferer and the husband, grace to endure such severe and protracted trial with exemplary patience and tenderness, and in a manner to commend the Christian profession by their personal and family piety.*

The Committee on Judicial Business presented its report, which was accepted, and is as follows :

1. *Judicial Case No. 1*, being an appeal of Elder Donald K. McLeod, from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston.

The Committee recommends, that the appellant, having failed to take the proper steps for bringing his case before the Synod, have leave to withdraw his papers.

The recommendation was adopted.

2. *Judicial Case No. 2*, being a complaint of the Rev. William G. T. Shedd, D. D., and others, against the action of the Presbytery of New York, in dismissing the case of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America against the Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D.

The Committee finds the complaint in order. It reports also a paper signed by twenty of the thirty-four complainants, asking that the complaint be withdrawn. Twelve others, it is informed, have telegraphed their acquiescence in this request. Of the remaining two, one has died, and the other is in Europe. In view of all the facts, the Committee submits the case without recommendation.

The request of the complainants was granted, and they were given leave to withdraw their papers.

3. *Judicial Case No. 3*, being a complaint signed by Rev. Francis Brown, D. D., and 113 others, dated November 4, 1891, against the action of the Presbytery of New York, in sustaining, by a vote of 64 to 57, the ruling of the Moderator in reference to the Committee of Prosecution in the case of the Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D.

*The following response was received :

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON,

REV. T. RALSTON SMITH, D. D. ;

October 22, 1892.

My Dear Sir :— Please accept for yourself, and convey to your associates of the Synod of New York, the President's sincere thanks for the kind message of sympathy you send in their behalf.

Very truly yours,

E. W. HALFORD,
Private Secretary.

4. *Judicial Case No. 4*, being a complaint of the same date, by the Rev. Francis Brown, D. D., and two others, against the action of the Presbytery of New York in refusing, by a vote of eight to seven, to enter upon the records the fact that a motion was made to discharge the Committee of Prosecution.

The Committee finds these two complaints to be in order, but recommends that it is inexpedient to take action at the present time, for the reason that the highest court has taken action covering the points at issue, and process under it is now pending in the lower court.

The following minority report was presented and accepted :

We, the undersigned, members of the Committee on Judicial Business, to which were referred two complaints, signed by Francis Brown, and others, respectfully report that we heartily agree with and adopt the report of the Committee, except as to the recommendation. The Committee finds the two complaints in order. We do not join in the recommendation of the majority. In view of all the circumstances of the case we deem it unwise and inexpedient as coming from this Committee.

GEORGE B. SPALDING,	ROBERT D. SPROULL,
LEVI T. HAMILTON,	HORACE BRIGGS.

Pending a motion to strike out the recommendation from the report of the Committee, in relation to cases 3 and 4, the hour of recess arrived, and the farther consideration of the subject was made the first order of business for Friday morning.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 20, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and, after devotional services, was addressed on City Missions, by the Rev. William T. Elsing; on Home Missions, by the Rev. William C. Roberts, D. D., one of the secretaries of the Board, and the Rev. Allan Macy Dulles; and on Mission Work among the Freedmen, by the Rev. Richard S. Holmes, D. D.

Adjourned until Friday at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 21, 9.00 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Elizur N. Manley.

The calling of the roll was omitted.

The Minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Judicial Business, and of the pending amendment, was resumed.

It was ordered that the final vote be taken at the hour of noon.

A second amendment was presented and adopted, and the report of the Committee, as thus amended, was adopted, and is as follows :

In the matter of Judicial Cases 3 and 4, the Committee finds the complaints to be in order, but recommends that it is inexpedient to take action at the present time for the following reasons : 1. The case, through the action of the General Assembly, and of the Presbytery of New York, is again before the Presbytery ; and the complainants may there have their remedy in their own hands. 2. In case the remedy there be found insufficient, they will afterwards have opportunity, by appeal or complaint, to bring the case again before the Synod.

The Committee on Religion and Public Education offered the following report, which was accepted, and the committee was continued :

This Committee is now charged with the duty of watching carefully the drift of public sentiment on the subject of moral and religious instruction in our public schools, and reporting from time to time matters of importance.

During the past six years, there has been a wonderful growth of public sentiment respecting the necessity of instruction in morals and religion in schools supported by the State, and the matter is beginning to assume its true proportions in the public mind. This is evinced by the very large number of articles on the subject appearing in our papers and reviews, and in new books issued from the press.

Your Committee is persuaded that it is next to impossible to divorce education from the sanctions of religion and morality. Our text-books are full of these themes, and our best teachers instill moral and religious principles constantly. In illustration of this, attention is called to the fact that the programme used yesterday in the exercises of the schools throughout the Union, made the recognition of God obligatory ; for the fourth topic reads thus : Recognition of God by prayer or reading of the Scripture ; while the ode composed especially for the occasion contains several appeals to God.

Attention is called to the status of the question in the Roman Catholic Church, where two parties exist. The first favors the establishment of parochial schools for Catholic children ; while the second approves of some compromise.

It seems evident, however, that the first party is bound to win; for it is in line with the policy of the Church, and the plans of compromise proposed at Stillwater and Fairbault have practically failed. This plan was to rent buildings belonging to the Roman Catholic Church to the public school boards; to retain Catholic teachers in such schools wearing the distinctive dress of the Church, but confining instruction on religious matters to the hours before or after the usual school session. This is substantially the plan which has been in operation in Poughkeepsie for several years.

The question is yet far from solution; but, from all indications, the American people have no intention of making their schools secular or atheistic. Mr. Gladstone's plan, as outlined briefly in a communication to the Chairman of your Committee, is to impart secular instruction in school hours, and allow every possible opportunity for instruction in the principles of Christianity before or after school hours by regularly appointed and authorized teachers. Whether this plan would be feasible or acceptable in this land remains to be seen.

The question is perplexing, but it is a question worthy of most careful consideration; and one upon which the public mind is alert and vigilant. In this lies our safety.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a report which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted. The following is an abstract:

Your Committee would emphasize, at the outset, the necessity of familiarity, on the part of the ministers and Sessions, with the history of the Board, as admirably summarized in the manual prepared for the centennial year.

By recent action of the General Assembly, the place of woman in the work of the Church, and the parity of her claims, in hours of need, upon the assistance of the Church, have been so legitimately and lovingly recognized, that any woman who has served for five actual years under the Home or Foreign Board may be placed on the roll of the Board of Relief, and lay missionaries regularly appointed by the Foreign Board may also be placed thereon. Thus has the Presbyterian Board of Relief enlarged the borders of its beneficence to include all needy workers in the Presbyterian Church who have given special services to the cause of Christ. During the three years in which this rule has been in operation, the number of ministers who had served the Church for over thirty years and been honorably retired, who have applied for the pension to which the action of the Assembly entitled them, is eighty-nine. Of these, twenty-one have entered upon their reward on high.

Your Committee is glad to report that the permanent fund of the Board reached, on the convening of the Portland Assembly, \$1,192,919, and up to the first of October \$54,000 has been added to this amount, making the total \$1,246,919. The contributions of the year 1891-92 to this Board reached \$161,714, the largest income it has ever received; but this increase was due solely to the enlarged interest on the permanent fund, while the contributions actually decreased as compared with the previous year. The Synod of New York has been responsible for its share of this decrease. The amount of contributions to the Board in 1891 was \$28,140, and in 1892, \$25,147, showing a decrease of \$2,993. At the same time the amounts paid to beneficiaries connected with this Synod increased from \$16,792 in 1891 to \$17,593 in 1892, showing an increase of \$801. Thus the net falling off in the record of the Synod through the shrinking of contributions and the increase of the claims of beneficiaries is \$3,794. The number of

contributing churches, however, rose from 468 to 486 in these same years, and the number of non-contributing decreased from 350 to 338.

The Presbyteries which in 1892 surpassed their record of 1891 in giving, were Albany, Boston, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, Niagara and St. Lawrence. The others fell below their record of the preceding year. The following Presbyteries exceeded in 1892 their record of 1891 in drafts upon the Board: Albany, Boston, Brooklyn, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, New York and Otsego. The following drew the same amounts in both years: Cayuga, Columbia, Genesee, Nassau, St. Lawrence, Utica and Westchester. All the others took out less than in the previous year.

The number of beneficiaries of this Board is steadily increasing, and therefore the contributions of the Synod should expand rather than contract. Presbyterial recommendations for aid were last year received from 168 Presbyteries, and the roll of beneficiaries includes 700 families, an increase of 41 over the previous year, and an increase of 200 families since 1886. The total number of persons benefited by the operations of the Board was last year not less than 2,500. In the single year 1891-92, 110 new names of beneficiaries were enrolled. The gifts of the Church to the support of these worthy and needy families have fallen from \$199 per family in 1886 to \$148 in 1892, a decrease of \$51. At the same time the number of families recommended by Presbyteries has increased from 509 in 1886 to 700 in 1892. Up to September 30th there has been an actual falling off in church contributions to the Board of \$1,851, but a gain in gross receipts of \$689; the increase being due to interest and to personal contributions.

It is recommended:

1. That the Presbyteries be urged to secure, if possible, a contribution from every church for this Board; and, in the exercise of their episcopal functions, to inquire annually of the churches under their care whether they have contributed to all the boards of the Church, and to insist upon the churches doing so according to their ability.
2. That the Presbyteries enlist, as far as possible, the sympathies and services of the elders on the Presbyterial Standing Committees on the Board of Relief.
3. That, in order to meet the increased expenditures of the Board of Relief, through the increase of its beneficiaries, the Presbyteries be urged to enlarge their contributions beyond those of any previous year.
4. That the Committee for the ensuing year be constituted as follows: *Chairman*—Horace B. Silliman, LL. D.; *Ministers*—Eben Halley, D. D., Alfonso R. Olney, D. D., William M. Johnson, D. D.; *Elders*—James B. Jermain, T. Romeyn Bunn, William Howard Doughty.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to which was referred the subject of a new Statistical Blank, presented the following recommendation which was adopted:

That the Synod overture the General Assembly for adoption, some such form of statistical report as that exhibited with the printed report of the Synod's Committee on Systematic Beneficence; and that a committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed to represent the Synod in this matter, before the Assembly, in writing or otherwise.

The committee was appointed as follows: *Ministers*—Lansing Van Schoonhoven, Asa S. Fiske, D. D., Gerard B. F. Hallock; *Elders*—Andrew S. Long and William R. Halbert.

The following minute was adopted, unanimously:

The Synod of New York, in session in Albany, N. Y., on this 21st day of October, A. D., 1892, the day set apart for the public celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, hereby expresses its profound interest in the historical event, its sympathy with every national and patriotic sentiment awakened by the occasion, and its earnest prayer that the continent, whose discovery almost synchronized with the beginning of the great Protestant Reformation, may be claimed for Christ, and possessed by his Church, through the power of the Gospel, made effectual by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The Treasurer of the Synod presented his annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 21, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented an informal report, which was accepted.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, presented their report which was accepted, and the following persons were duly elected:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D. D., Edward Wells and Warner Van Norden, for the term of three years; and to fill a vacancy, James Bayles, for two years, in place of John C. Tucker, deceased.

Trustees of Elmira College: Alexander S. Diven, Daniel R. Pratt, Francis Hall, Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, Rev. George H. McKnight, Mrs. Helen B. Turner, for the term of three years; and Mrs. Howard Elmer, for two years, in place of the Hon. David C. Robinson.

Examiners: Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. DeCamp and Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, to serve for three years; and Philip M. Hull, for two years, in place of Howard Elmer, deceased.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to 'Theological Seminaries, etc., reported, recommending the following appointments, and the recommendation was adopted :

ADAMS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE: *Ministers*—Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., A. Grosvenor Hopkins, Ph. D., Allan Macy Dulles, William N. Cleveland, James H. Taylor, D. D.; *Elders*—Alexander Allen, Prof. John Foster, F. W. H. Massey, M. D.

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—William S. Hubbell, D. D., D. Stuart Dodge, William H. Bates, Frank H. Hinman, Lansing Van Schoonhoven; *Elders*—James Rodgers, N. Lansing Zabriskie, Charles R. Otis.

HAMILTON COLLEGE: *Ministers*—Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., William H. Hubbard, John F. Fitschen, Luther A. Ostrander, D. D.; *Elders*—Hon. Ansel J. Northrup, Seabury S. Gould, Jared T. Newman.

UNION SEMINARY: *Ministers*—Henry M. Baird, D. D., James A. McWilliams, Samuel T. Carter, Cornelius S. Stowitts, A. Russell Stevenson; *Elders*—Henry D. Noyes, Titus B. Meigs, Stanton Cady.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK: *Ministers*—James H. Taylor, D. D., Edward L. Clark, D. D., N. Beall Remick, D. D., Edward M. Deems, W. Merle Smith, D. D.; *Elders*—Sanford R. Knapp, Henry Parsons, A. Noel Blakeman.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously :

The Synod records its deep and sincere appreciation of the generous and characteristic hospitality extended to it by Elder James B. Jermain, in the splendid reception on Wednesday evening, in the building of the Young Men's Christian Association—the noble gift of Mr. Jermain. It warmly recognizes the spirit which prompted so courteous an act, as one which has prompted this generous Elder of our Church to give so munificently to all the work of Christ's Kingdom. And it prays for his continued health and usefulness and joy in Christian service, that all his days to come may be those of peace.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work presented the following report which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The Minutes of the Assembly for 1891 give the total number of Sunday Schools in the Synod as 911; scholars received into full communion 5,365; officers, teachers, and scholars 170,397. For the year 1892, the number of schools is 909; scholars received into full communion 5,366; and officers, teachers and scholars 174,479. These figures are suggestive and humiliating, and call for careful consideration.

Your Committee recommends :

1. A renewal of the recommendation made last year in regard to house to house visitation, calling the attention of the Synod to the volume published by the Board of Publication for the purpose of aiding such work.

2. That the Synod set apart some portion of its session to consider the question of Sunday School extension, and that a similar recommendation be sent to the Presbyteries, requesting them to set apart a portion of either the Fall or Spring meeting to the consideration of this work.

3. That the Board of Publication be requested, if the way be clear, to send one or more students, during the summer months, to labor within the bounds of the Synod, with a view to increasing the number and efficiency of our schools.

4. That in view of the many calls made for Sunday School library books by needy schools in destitute portions of our own Synod and others, an opportunity be given to each school to contribute books not needed by their own scholars. The superintendent of Sabbath School Work of our Board, will furnish the names of schools to which books may be sent.

The Chairman of the Committee having resigned, the Committee was authorized to appoint its own Chairman.

It was ordered that the following telegram be sent to the Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D.:

The Synod of New York heartily welcomes you to its bounds, and prays for your marked success as President of Hamilton College.

The following was made a Standing Order of the Synod :

All reports of committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries shall be referred to a committee of three Ministers and two Elders, whose duty it shall be to collate the same, report to the Synod for approval the records which shall be found correct, and formulate and present such exceptions as may be taken to records not approved.

The following were appointed the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter next year: Rev. Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., Rev. James Gardner, D. D., and Elder Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented and accepted, as follows :

The Committee on Finance has examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod, and compared them with the vouchers, and it finds the same correct. All the Presbyteries have paid their apportionments for the last year, and arrearages have also been paid. The amount in the treasury, applicable to the expenses of the current year, is \$1,429.84.

In place of the Rev. Alfred E. Myers, removed, the Rev. John Paul Egbert was placed on the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

In view of a communication from William Allen Butler, Esq., a member of the Legal Committee of the Synod's Board of Trustees, the Rev. James N. Crocker, D. D., and Elder Charles C. Lester, were appointed to appear in the matter of the will of Emily M. Tribe, before the Surrogate of Saratoga County, and to do whatever may be necessary to protect the interests of the Synod in the premises.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries, and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The term of service of the Permanent Officers of the Synod having expired, the REV. T. RALSTON SMITH, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, was re-elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Synod, and the REV. J. WILFORD JACKS, of the Presbytery of Geneva, was re-elected Permanent Clerk, for the term of five years.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been granted to the following members to retire before the close of the sessions, the most of them remaining until Friday noon :

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—Charles H. Baldwin, Isaac O. Best; Elders—James H. Bronson, John T. Rice.

Binghamton: Minister—Marshall B. Angier; Elder—Franklin L. Goodenough.

Boston: Ministers—Frank H. Hinman, William Adams; Elder—William Findlay.

Brooklyn: Ministers—William A. Holliday, C. Cuthbert Hall, Robert D. Sproull; Elders—Edward H. Branch, Darwin G. Eaton.

Buffalo: Ministers—John P. Egbert, Newton L. Reed; Elders—Francis A. Board, William O. Curtiss, Charles W. Hamlin, Horace Briggs.

Cayuga: Minister—William H. Hubbard; Elders—Levi T. Hamilton, David Everett.

Champlain: Minister—Joseph Gamble; Elder—John S. Kirby.

Chemung: Ministers—Bryce K. Douglas, Allen F. De Camp.

Genesee: Minister—John C. Long.

Geneva: Ministers—N. Beall Remick, Ebenezer B. McGhee; Elders—James Mead, D. Eddy Barnes.

Hudson: Ministers—Luther Littell, John H. Thompson, Thomas Nichols; Elders—Brewster J. Allison, William Mitchell.

Long Island: Minister—William H. Roberts; Elder—Edward L. Gerard.

Lyons: Ministers—Alexander D. McIntosh, Stephen G. Hopkins, Howard Cornell; Elders—Henry M. Clark, Lorenzo N. Snow.

Nassau: Ministers—John A. Davis, John Hutchinson; Elders—Stanley Davison, John H. Prall.

New York: Ministers—George S. Webster, W. Merle Smith, J. Balcom Shaw; Elders—Cleveland H. Dodge, J. Cleveland Cady, George E. Sterry, Daniel J. Holden.

Niagara: Ministers—S. Seymour Phelps, E. Huntingt Rudd, Albert S. Bacon; Elders—Everett M. Baker, David J. Wells.

North River: Minister—Plato T. Jones; Elders—Alfred B. Smith, Cornelius D. Bloomer.

Otsego: Minister—Samuel R. Warrender; Elder—John Wright.

Rochester: Minister—Louis F. Ruf; Elders—Louis Chapin, William S. McKenzie.

St. Lawrence: Ministers—Alexander K. McNaughton, William F. Skinner, A. Macy Dulles; Elder—Samuel W. Close.

Steuben: Ministers—James A. Miller, George W. Warren; Elders—Joseph C. Gray, Charles H. Fuller.

Syracuse: Ministers—George Bayless, David McK. Rankin; Elder—John C. Churchill.

Troy: Minister—Robert H. Carson; Elders—Edward N. Dauchy, James A. Vandenbergh.

Ulica: Minister—A. Grosvenor Hopkins; Elders—Lewis T. Sherrill, James C. Stark.

Westchester: Ministers—George R. Cutting, John H. Trussell, Thornton M. Niven, J. Hendrik de Vries, Charles S. Lane, John S. Penman; Elders—Ebenezer G. Platt, Thomas Gilbert, A. Noel Blakeman, John G. Clark, Stanton Cady.

The following minute was adopted unanimously :

The Synod of New York, at the close of its delightful sessions, expresses its high appreciation of the large and cordial hospitality extended to its members, by the churches and people of the Capital city of the Empire State.

It presents its thanks to the Pastor and his able and efficient coadjutors on the Committee of Arrangements, to the ladies of the Fourth Church, and its many families, to the pastors and congregations of the other churches, to the Organist and Choir who have so ably aided in the public devotional services of these sessions, and to all who have contributed in any way to the comfort and assisted in the business of the Synod, for their unwearied patience and unfailling kindness.

Thanks are tendered, also, to the railway companies in the Trunk Line Association, and to the daily press of Albany, for courtesies extended.

The Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., responded in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.

The several Standing Committees, having no further business to present, were discharged.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave :

Presbytery of Albany: Elders—Frederick Carr, Samuel B. Howe.

Binghamton: Minister—John V. C. Nellis.

Boston: Minister—Samuel C. Gunn.

Brooklyn: Minister—David Junor.

Buffalo: Minister—John McLachlan; Elder—John A. Bell.

Champlain: Minister—George F. Chipperfield; Elder—John F. Whitney.

Chemung: Elder—John Farr.

Columbia: Minister—Chester C. Thorne; Elders—Peter H. White, Ezra P. Pratt.

Geneva : Minister—William W. Weller.

Hudson : Elders—Linn Roy, Joseph D. McCoy.

Lyons : Elder—Charles D. Gaylord.

Nassau : Elder—Isaac Rogers.

New York : Minister—James H. McIlvaine ; Elder—Henry R. Elliott.

North River : Minister—Emory A. Nelson ; Elders—Edwin B. Husted, William H. Allen, Ogden D. Daley.

Otsego : Elder—John Graham.

St. Lawrence : Elder—Alexander Allen.

Syracuse : Ministers—George B. Spalding, Edward A. McMaster, Allan D. Draper.

Troy : Ministers—Alexander Proudfit, William M. Johnson ; Elders—David Bradt, Aaron H. Graves, John Gow, William H. Wilcox, DeWitt C. Halstead.

Utica : Ministers—Robert L. Bachman, Charles W. Rice, C. Cotton Kimball ; Elders—David H. Burrell, Hudson Bidwell, Zephaniah R. Evans, James K. Harris.

Westchester : Elders—William H. Foster, John F. Kennard.

The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church of Rochester, N. Y., on the third Tuesday, the seventeenth day, of October, A. D. 1893, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,

Permanent Clerk.

T. RALSTON SMITH,

Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Bishops and members of all our churches, at home and abroad, the Synod of New York sends Greeting:—

Peace be unto you and unto all them that love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth. We rejoice with you in all the displays of the divine favor during the past twelve months; in the continuance of temporal blessings and in the multiplication of spiritual gifts; in the manifestation of the love of the Holy Spirit in revivals of religion, and in the efficacy and comfort of the Gospel as taught in the Church, the Sunday School and the home; in the interest of the people as shown in new and improved edifices, in additions to the Church, in the discovery and operation of new methods of usefulness, and in the consecration of young men to the work of the gospel ministry.

While we rejoice with those upon whom the sun of prosperity has smiled, our hearts go out in sympathy for the men who have walked in darkness and seen no light; for the heroic men who labor in the face of discouragements, such as ill health, diminishing congregations, decadence of the grace of giving, and apathy and apostasy on the part of the people. Be patient, brethren, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord. The last shall be first, and the first shall be last. He who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows says: "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations, and I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me."

An examination of the records of our churches reveals that of the 832 in New York and New England, 355 have less than 100 members each, and of these 179 have less than 55, while 49 have less than 25. In most cases, these figures indicate growing weakness and disheartening struggle. In not a few instances they were once strong and influential churches. But now they are unable to secure pastors or maintain public services. The people are forsaking the assembling of themselves together; and the outward forms of religion are dying out. Is not the problem of the small and feeble churches the problem of the Synod? We can no more afford to allow many of these churches to decay, than we can afford the drying up of the springs and brooks, the sources of our agricultural wealth and of the rivers which carry our commerce.

Among the expedients that may be adopted in an emergency, we call your attention to the following: Let several small adjacent churches combine, forming a circuit, under the same pastor, and thus secure preaching once a week or once a fortnight in each meeting-place, while maintaining the Sunday School, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and the weekly prayer-meeting. And let the elders of such churches magnify their office by appointing and conducting as many services as may be needed, and giving the parish as much pastoral care as possible. Wherever there is a good Session there you find a good Presbyterian church.

In view of the pressing needs of the Boards, and the heavy debts incumbering some of the more important, we entreat you to be faithful and systematic in the grace of

giving. While the demands upon these great agencies of the church are multiplying, let the more prosperous of our brethren increase their gifts, and let those who are poor in this world's goods not fail to present their offerings, however small, unto the Lord; and let both classes give diligence to train their children in the grace of systematic and proportionate beneficence. In fact, we lay more stress upon the steady continuance of the gifts from all the people than we do upon the bestowment of an occasional large legacy. For while the latter is always acceptable, and is needed by our treasuries, the former is a symptom of the spiritual good health of the whole body of our beloved church.

Other denominations are raising the standard of culture for their ministry; and in our own the demands for trained men grow louder. We entreat pastors and parents to set before their choice young men the claims of the ministry. Wherever one can be found who seems to possess special aptitudes, at least exhort him to make the matter a subject of prayer, to assure himself beyond a doubt whether or not the Lord, whose we are and whom we serve, calls him to preach the gospel.

The large number of vacant churches is a plea not only for consecrated men, but also for men who, not being wholly dependent upon a salary, can deny themselves, take up the cross, and go into fields needy, but white unto the harvest, where the income is inadequate to support a minister. Scarcely can there be done at the present time a nobler work for Christ and the church. Such men could stimulate the churches to be self-helpful, and yet be independent of the amount of stipend or salary received. And thus they would be efficient in keeping alive the small church whence often come our best men in parish and commonwealth.

It behooves us not to be diverted from the King's business by the controversies of the hour. Our main business is to save souls and to build them up in the knowledge of the Son of God. Let us entrust questions of theology and church polity to the able men to whom they have been committed by our judicatories; and let us go steadily forward with the work of evangelizing the community and edifying the Church.

Other spiritual or reformatory interests may present themselves to your minds as of paramount importance. No words of ours can add to the intensity of your convictions. These, together with the matters of which we have written, we commend to your prayerful and diligent attention. Be cheered by the thought that you are workers together with God, and the redemption of the world draweth nigh. And while you see the day approaching, you can rest in the assurance that all things are working together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Nevertheless, we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain. Be ye, also, patient; stablish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

T. RALSTON SMITH,

Stated Clerk.

LEVI PARSONS,

Moderator.

NINIAN BEALL REMICK,

ALFRED E. MYERS,

HORACE E. SMITH,

Committee.

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY consists of sixty-four ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care ten candidates :

Ministers received :

December 8, 1891, Rev. Albert H. Trick, from the Philadelphia Central Presbytery ;
 April 19, 1892, Rev. George Bergen, from the Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. William G. Westervelt, from the Presbytery of North River.

Candidates received :

April 19, 1892, Frank F. Blessing ;
 September 20, Robert Clement, Arthur Dougall, and John Hilton.

Licensed :

April 19, 1892, Louis Glancy Colson, and Leroy Learned Cameron ;
 June 14, Frank F. Blessing.

Ordained :

December 8, 1891, Murray Hamish Gardner ;
 April 19, 1892, Louis Glancy Colson, and Leroy Learned Cameron.

Dissolved pastoral relations :

October 27, 1891, between Rev. Isaac O. Rankin and the Kingsboro Avenue Church, Gloversville ;

November 24, between Rev. Perry S. Allen and the First Presbyterian Church of Saratoga Springs ;

February 12, 1892, between Rev. George L. McClelland and the Church at Northville ;

April 20, between Rev. Raymond H. Stearns and the Church at Charlton ;

June 14, between Rev. John G. Lovell and the Church at Northampton ; Rev. John Willis and the Church at West Milton ; and Rev. Charles B. Chapin and the East Avenue Church, Schenectady ;

September 20, between Rev. Walter Laidlaw and the Jermain Memorial Church.

Installations :

January 13, 1892, Rev. Albert H. Trick, over the Second Presbyterian Church, Saratoga Springs ;

February 23, Rev. George L. McClelland, over the Kingsboro Avenue Church, Gloversville.

Ministers dismissed :

November 24, 1891, Rev. Perry S. Allen, to the Philadelphia Central Presbytery ;

June 14, 1892, Rev. Louis Glancy Colson, to the Presbytery of Lehigh ;

September 20, Rev. Raymond H. Stearns, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licentiate transferred :

June 14, 1892, Frank F. Blessing, to Monmouth Presbytery.

Deceased :

December 5, 1891, at Saratoga Springs, Rev. Norman Barber Sherwood, in the 76th year of his age;

January 21, 1892, at Schenectady, Rev. Jonathan Trumbull Backus, D. D., LL. D., in the 83d year of his age.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of thirty-two ministers and twenty-eight churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received :

April 19, 1892, Rev. John Service, from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. Josiah Still, from the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. Junius J. Cowles, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; and Rev. Archibald M. Shaw, from the Presbytery of Columbia;

September 20, Rev. Thomas C. Miller, from the Presbytery of Central Dakota;

October 11, Rev. Raymond Hoyt Stearns, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

September 20, 1892, William Josiah Leverett;

October 11, B. B. Knapp, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licenses conferred and licentiate received :

April 19, 1892, Theodore Lockwood Leverett;

September 20, Frank A. Ingraham, as "Local Evangelist;"

October 11, George N. Macdonald, received from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Ordination :

July 18, 1892, Theodore Lockwood Leverett.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

April 19, 1892, between Rev. Daniel N. Grummon, and the Church at Bainbridge; and between Rev. David F. Giles, and the Church at Windsor.

Installations :

May 9, 1892, Rev. Junius J. Cowles, over the Church at McGrawville;

May 12, Rev. John Service, over the Church at Cannonsville;

October 11, Rev. Raymond Hoyt Stearns, over the Church at Bainbridge.

Ministers dismissed :

April 18, 1892, Rev. Horatio W. Shaw, to the Presbytery of Otsego;

June 8, Rev. David F. Giles, to the Westminster Presbytery.

Church organized :

May 22, 1892, the Floral Avenue, Binghamton.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of fifty-five ministers and thirty-seven churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Minister received :

April 20, 1892, the Rev. Edward C. Winslow, from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville.

Candidate received :

October 5, 1892, James D. Taylor.

License conferred :

April 20, 1892, on Gerhart A. Wilson.

Licentiate received :

July 19, 1892, Sidney S. Conger, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Ordinations :

May 18, 1892, Gerhart A. Wilson ;

June 22, John R. Mackay ;

July 19, Sidney S. Conger.

Dissolution of the pastoral relation :

May 20, 1892, between the Rev. William Courtland Robinson and the church in Portland.

Installations :

May 18, 1892, the Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson, over the church at Holyoke ;

June 22, the Rev. John R. Mackay, over the Second Church of Providence ;

July 19, Rev. Sidney S. Conger, over the church at Portland.

Deceased :

September 8, 1892, at Quincy, Mass., the Rev. John Ramsay, aged 25 years and 5 months.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of fifty-seven ministers (together with two on the reserved roll) and thirty-five churches, and has under its care two licentiates and twelve candidates.

Ministers received :

November 9, 1891, Rev. James I. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Wellsboro ;

February 29, 1892, Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, from the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids ;

March 14, Rev. Charles H. Schwarzbach, from the Presbytery of West Jersey ;

April 18, Rev. John F. Carson, from the New York Presbytery of the U. P. Church ;

June 6, Rev. Asbury C. Clarke, from the Presbytery of Northumberland, and Rev.

Joseph H. Odell, from the Primitive Methodist Church of England ;

October 3, Rev. William H. Ford, from the North Classis of Long Island.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 18, 1892, Ebenezer Flack, William P. Mackay and Henry Clay Briggs;
 October 3, Thomas Coyle.

Licenses conferred:

April 18, 1892, on Matthew Müller;
 June 6, on Henry W. Drew.

Licentiates received:

March 12, 1892, Charles Edwards, from the Presbytery of New York;
 April 18, James C. M. Johnston, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Ordinations:

October 15, 1891, Roland S. Dawson;
 March 22, 1892, Charles Edwards;
 May 1, Edward W. Thwing;
 May 6, James C. M. Johnston.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 7, 1891, between Rev. George H. Miller and the Fifth German Church,
 and between Rev. Isaac V. W. Schenck and Grace Church;
 April 18, 1892, between Rev. William H. Dickerson and Siloam Church.

Installations:

October 15, 1891, Rev. Roland S. Dawson, over the Ainslie Street Church;
 November 9, Rev. James I. Campbell, over the Cumberland Street Church;
 February 7, 1892, Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall over the Greene Avenue Church;
 March 8, Rev. Joseph D. Burrell, over the Classon Avenue Church;
 March 22, Rev. Charles Edwards, over the Franklin Avenue Church;
 April 21, Rev. Charles H. Schwarzbach, over the Fifth German Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 7, 1891, Rev. George H. Miller, to the Westchester Classis;
 February 1, 1892, Rev. John Hutchison, to the Presbytery of Nassau;
 March 12, Rev. Charles W. Wood, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
 April 18, Rev. Thomas J. Evans, to the Presbytery of Westchester, and the Rev.
 Aaron Peck, to the Presbytery of New York;
 October 3, Rev. Joseph H. Odell, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate transferred:

April 18, 1892, Matthew Müller, to the Classis of South Bergen.

Names dropped from the roll:

October 3, 1892, Candidate William C. Harriott; and Rev. J. Winthrop Hegeman,
 at his own request, and on information that he had joined another body.

Deceased :

January 20, 1892, in Brooklyn, Rev. Charles H. Taylor, D.D., in the 70th year of his age.

Church received :

April 18, 1892, the Central Reformed Presbyterian Church.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of fifty-three ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received :

April 12, 1892, Rev. Thomas H. Peatchell, from the Presbytery of Niagara ;
September 20, Rev. James H. Burlison, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Cleveland.

Candidate :

July 7, 1892, George Nathan Newman.

License conferred :

April 12, 1892, on Mr. Marco Nikola Popoff.

Ordination :

April 12, 1892, Marco Nikola Popoff.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

April 11, 1892, between Rev. N. Foster Browne and the Church in Springville ;
September 20, between Rev. Thomas E. Calvert and the Church in Fredonia.

Installation :

September 15, 1892, Rev. Nelson B. Chester, over Bethlehem Church, Buffalo.

Ministers dismissed :

April 11, 1892, Rev. Jeremiah Odell, to the Presbytery of Niagara ;
July 7, Rev. Charles L. Carhart, to the Presbytery of North River.

Deceased :

November 2, 1891, Rev. Henry S. Redfield, at Batavia, Ill., in the 80th year of his age ;

March 3, 1892, Rev. Oliver D. Hibbard, at Jamestown, N. Y., in the 83d year of his age ;

March 13, Rev. Alfred C. Hand, at Mansfield, O., in the 33d year of his age ;

June 27, Rev. Albert Bigelow, at Harrisburg, Pa., in the 65th year of his age.

Church enrolled :

September 20, 1892, Walden Avenue, Buffalo.

Name changed :

July 7, 1892, "West Side Church" to "Church of the Redeemer."

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of thirty ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care seven licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received :

April 12, 1892, Rev. Samuel H. Meade, M. D., from the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
September 27, Rev. William C. Brass, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

October 30, 1891, N. Roswell Bates ;
November 17, Hohannes K. Samuelian and Eugene V. Ostrander ;
February 17, 1892, Charles L. Luther ;
April 12, John Lewis Hoytt, George W. Rowland ;
September 28, Arthur Nelson, William A. Aiken.

Licenses conferred :

April 13, 1892, on Hohannes K. Samuelian, Stephen C. Abrahamian, Duncan A. McPhie, Charles L. Luther.

Ordinations :

October 14, 1891, Wesley W. Cole ;
June 20, 1892, Hohannes K. Samuelian.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

November 17, 1891, between Rev. William H. Shepp and the Second Church of Genoa ;

May 1, 1892, between Rev. Friend D. Haner and the Churches of Scipio and Scipioville ;

May 5, between Rev. William E. Roe and the First Church of Genoa ;

July 7, between Rev. Erastus W. Twichell and the Westminster Church of Auburn.

Installations :

October 14, 1891, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, over the Church at Cayuga ;

February 17, 1892, Rev. Anson L. Hassler, over the Calvary Church of Auburn ;

March 8, Rev. Matthew G. Henry, over the Second and Third Churches of Genoa ;

June 7, Rev. Samuel H. Meade, M. D., over the Church at Ludlowville.

Ministers dismissed :

December 3, 1891, Rev. William H. Shepp, to the Presbytery of Lima ;

May 5, 1892, Rev. William E. Roe, to the Presbytery of Athens ;

June 20, Rev. Friend D. Haner, to the Presbytery of Central Dakota.

Licentiate transferred :

September 27, 1892, Henry F. Gilt, to the Congregational Association of Oregon.

September 27, 1892, Rev. Anson L. Hassler was elected Treasurer of Presbytery.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of nineteen ministers, and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Minister received :

July 14, 1892, Rev. John H. Gardner, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery and licensed :

September 21, 1892, Esta E. Grosh.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

September 20, 1892, between Rev. Norman McLeod and the Church in Beekmantown ;

September 21, between Rev. Joseph Dixon and the Church in Champlain, Rev. Chalmers Martin and the Church in Port Henry, and Rev. Calvin J. Hastings and the Churches of Constable and Westville, the last to take effect December 1st.

Installation :

July 14, 1892, Rev. John H. Gardner, over the Church in Fort Covington.

Dismissed :

September 21, 1892, Rev. Chalmers Martin, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Church organized :

April 29, 1892, Brandon.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 20, 1892, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;

September 20, Rev. Augustus Frederick, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

November 30, 1891, between Rev. Stanley B. Roberts and the Church of Dundee ;

September 20, 1892, between Rev. Thomas C. Roskelly and the Church of Newfield.

Installation :

September 20, 1892, Rev. Augustus Frederick, over the Church of Dundee.

Ministers dismissed :

November 30, 1891, Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, to the Presbytery of Utica ;
September 20, 1892, Rev. Darius D. Lindsley, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHILE consists of eleven ministers and six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1892.]

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of eighteen ministers and nineteen churches.

Ministers received :

April 26, 1892, Rev. Cornelius C. Cooke, from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Frank E. Kavanagh from the Presbytery of North River.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

August 15, 1892, between Rev. Edward Stratton and the Church at Greenville.

Installation :

September 13, 1892, Rev. Edward Stratton, over the Church at Valatie.

Minister dismissed :

April 26, 1892, Rev. Archibald M. Shaw, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA consists of five ministers and three churches, and has under its care four licentiates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1892.]

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of twenty ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received :

April 12, 1892, Rev. David S. Brown, from the Presbytery of Iowa City ;
September 27, Rev. William T. Edds, from the Genesee Conference of the Protestant Methodist Church.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 27, 1892, Albertus Richards.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

July 19, 1892, between Rev. Allan McQueen and the Church of Portageville.

Installation :

June 15, 1892, Rev. David S. Brown, over the Church of Bethany Centre.

Minister dismissed :

September 27, 1892, Rev. Samuel Bowden, S. T. D., to the Presbytery of New York.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of thirty-three ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received :

November 9, 1891, Rev. Samuel C. Garlick, from the Presbytery of Cayuga; and Rev. Wallace I. Coburn, from the Des Moines River Congregational Association;

April 19, 1892, Rev. James F. Calkins, from the Presbytery of Rochester; and Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., from the Presbytery of Newark;

April 20, Rev. William H. Bates, from the Presbytery of Lyons;

September 27, Rev. Albert Wilbur Taylor, from the Western New York Congregational Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 20, 1892, Daniel L. McQuarrie, and Shinichi Ando.

Licensed :

April 20, 1892, Hugh Jack.

Ordinations :

April 20, 1892, Thomas Melvin and Hugh Jack, as Evangelists.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 23, 1891, between Rev. Lee H. Richardson and the Church of Trumansburg;

September 5, 1892, between Rev. James S. Moore and the Church of Seneca Castle.

Installation :

May 11, 1892, Rev. William H. Bates, over the Church of Phelps.

Ministers dismissed :

March 28, 1892, Rev. Lee H. Richardson, to the Presbytery of Louisville;

September 5, Rev. John Burkhardt, to the Presbytery of Utica; and Rev. Thomas Melvin, to the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of forty-one ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 19, 1892, Rev. Luther Littell, from the Presbytery of Flint; Rev. David McLeod, from the Presbytery of Steuben; and the Rev. Robert H. Craig, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 19, Rev. Sylvanus R. Queen, from the Presbytery of Chester.

Candidate :

September 20, 1892, James M. Robertson, from the Presbytery of Shenango.

Licentiates:

September 20, 1892, Mr. Edward Waite Miller was licensed, and William Moody Yeomans was received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Ordination:

September 30, 1892, William Moody Yeomans.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

February 23, 1892, between Rev. John Service and the Church at Otisville.

Installations:

May 3, 1892, Rev. Luther Littell, over Mt. Hope Church;
 September 13, the Rev. Robert H. Craig, over the Amity Church;
 September 30, Rev. William M. Yeomans, over the Unionville Church;
 October 11, Rev. George T. Galbraith, over the Church of Liberty.

Ministers dismissed:

February 10, 1892, Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, to the Presbytery of Otsego;
 February 23, Rev. John Service, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
 April 18, Rev. George Bergen, to the Presbytery of Albany;
 July 19, Rev. John N. Husted, to the Presbytery of North River;
 August 17, Rev. Norman N. Skinner, to the Presbytery of Santa Fe;
 October 10, Rev. Albert E. Wirth, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Licentiate transferred:

September 20, 1892, Edward W. Miller, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Church dissolved:

September 20, 1892, Washingtonville Second.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of twenty ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Minister received:

May 24, 1892, Rev. James W. Hillman, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiate received:

May 24, 1892, Mr. George D. Miller, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Ordination:

May 24, 1892, Mr. George D. Miller.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

June 7, 1892, between the Rev. James S. Brockinton and the Church of Brookfield;
 September 7, between the Rev. Hamilton B. Holmes and the Church of Moriches.

Installations:

May 24, 1892, Rev. George D. Miller, over the Church of Southold;

June 28, Rev. James W. Hillman, over the Church of Mattituck.

Minister dismissed:

May 24, 1892, Rev. Samuel Simons, to the Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland.

Deceased:

August 29, 1892, Rev. James Trowbridge Hamlin, at Mattituck, N. Y., in the 81st year of his age.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of twenty-one ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Minister received:

April 19, 1892, Rev. John C. Mead, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

License conferred:

April 19, 1892, on Arthur R. Vosburg.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 14, 1891, between Rev. William H. Bates and the Church of Galen;

March 15, 1892, between Rev. Sybrant Nelson and the Church of Fairville.

Installation:

October 4, 1892, Rev. John C. Mead, over the Church of Galen.

Ministers dismissed:

December 14, 1891, Rev. William H. Bates, to the Presbytery of Geneva;

March 15, 1892, Rev. Sybrant Nelson, to the Presbytery of Utica;

April 19, Rev. George W. Borden, to the Presbytery of Saginaw;

September 27, Rev. T. Morey Hodgman, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. David L. Bradley, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiate transferred:

September 27, 1892, Arthur R. Vosburg, to the Presbytery of Genesee.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of thirty ministers and twenty-six churches.

Ministers received:

February 10, 1892, Rev. John Hutchison, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

June 22, Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine, from the Suffolk County Congregational Association;

October 3, Rev. Joseph Speers, from the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiate received :

May 18, 1892, H. Preston McHenry, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Licenses conferred :

November 2, 1891, upon William H. Hendrickson and James C. M. Johnston.

Ordinations :

May 18, 1892, H. Preston McHenry ;

June 22, William H. Hendrickson.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

February 24, 1892, between Rev. James Hall and the Bellmore Church ;

October 4, between Rev. Henry A. Lewis and the Church of Smithtown.

Installations :

February 10, 1892, Rev. John Hutchison, over the Freeport Church ;

May 18, Rev. H. Preston McHenry, over the Church of Christian Hook ;

June 22, Rev. William H. Hendrickson, over the Ravenswood Church.

Minister dismissed :

June 13, 1892, Rev. James Hall, to the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiate dismissed :

April 12, 1892, James C. M. Johnston, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Deceased :

July 30, 1892, at Bay Shore, L. I., Rev. Clark Lockwood, in the 88th year of his age.

Church organized :

December 13, 1891, Brentwood.

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and sixty-two ministers and fifty-two churches, and has under its care seventeen licentiates and fifteen candidates.

Ministers received :

November 9, 1891, Rev. Arthur Mitchell, from the Presbytery of Cleveland ;

November 16, Rev. Howard Duffield, from the Presbytery of Detroit ;

December 14, Rev. Israel H. Northrup, from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev.

David H. Hunter, from the Presbytery of Denver ;

January 11, 1892, Rev. James G. Patterson, from the Presbytery of Erie ;

March 14, Rev. Andrew J. Sullivan, from the Classis of Newark ;

April 11, Rev. A. Dunlap King, from the Presbytery of Long Island ;

May 2, Rev. Aaron Peck, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Thomas S. McWilliams, from the Presbytery of Chillicothe ;

October 3, Rev. William Durant, from the Presbytery of Baltimore, Rev. Daniel Redmon, from the Presbytery of Steuben, Rev. Samuel Bowden, from the Presbytery of Genesee, and Rev. James Hall, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

November 9, 1891, F. C. H. Wendel, Bailie Brown, Abbot E. Stewart, William Shiller ;

November 16, Louis Koukol ;

January 11, 1892, John Henry Hope ;

February 8, James Byers, Franklin J. Miller ;

March 14, Asa Wynkoop, Thornton B. Penfield, William Vokolek, William Regener, Charles Molnar, William Bazata, Milton S. Littlefield, Jr., Komanosuke Kumagai ;

April 11, Henry W. Bainton, Joseph K. Freed ;

May 2, B. Franklin Guille ;

October 3, Jaroslav Dobias, Alois Barta, Bruce W. Cronmiller, Herbert H. Brown, August Zorn, Edward L. Chichester, Joshinki Okamoto, John H. Freeman.

Licentiates received, and Licenses conferred :

May 2, 1892, John Griffin, John H. Hope, Thomas Knox, Komanosuke Kumagai, Milton S. Littlefield, Jr., Robert P. S. Miles, Franklin J. Miller, Joseph Speers, Theodore Van Norden, James Hunter, F. C. H. Wendel, Asa Wynkoop, David G. Smith.

Ordinations :

May 12, 1892, Joseph Speers ;

May 13, F. C. H. Wendel and Milton S. Littlefield, Jr. ;

May 15, Gaylord S. White ;

May 19, Komanosuke Kumagai ;

May 21, James Hunter ;

May 26, Frederick G. Bebee ;

June 14, David G. Smith.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

December 14, 1891, between Rev. William T. Carr and Shiloh Church ;

February 8, 1892, between Rev. James E. Sentz and the First Morrisania Church ;

April 11, between Rev. Charles S. Robinson and Thirteenth Street Church.

Installations :

November 22, 1891, Rev. Hugh Pritchard, over the Knox Church ;

December 10, Rev. Howard Duffield, over the First Church ;

January 21, 1892, Rev. James G. Patterson, over the East Harlem Church ;

April 28, Rev. Alexander Duunlap King, over the Fifty-first Street Church ;

May 17, Rev. Thomas S. McWilliams, over the American Church, Montreal.

Ministers dismissed :

November 23, 1891, Rev. Andrew Beattie, to the Presbytery of Canton ;

January 11, 1892, Rev. Edward T. Root, to the Washington Association of Congregational Ministers ;

February 8, Rev. Frederick N. Rutan, to the Presbytery of Newark;

April 11, Rev. Charles C. Tracy, to the Manhattan Association of New York; Rev. William T. Carr, to the Southern Virginia Presbytery; and Rev. David M. Hunter, to the Classis of Hudson;

May 13, Rev. F. C. H. Wendel, to the Presbytery of Mankato;

October 3, Rev. Andrew J. Sullivan, to the Presbytery of West Jersey, and Rev. Joseph Bailie, to the Presbytery of Shanghai;

October 3, Rev. Joseph Speers, to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Candidates and Licentiates transferred:

February 9, 1892, Candidate T. Calvin McClelland, to the Presbytery of North River;

February 15, Candidate Maitland Alexander, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Licentiate Charles Edwards, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

April 11, Licentiate Ernest L. McCartney, to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, and Candidate John McComb, to the Presbytery of Indianapolis;

July 1, Licentiate Thomas Knox, to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Church Organized:

December 28, 1891, the Lenox Church.

Church disbanded:

December 14, 1891, the Shiloh Church.

Deceased:

September 10, 1892, at East Bloomfield, New York, Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., in the 77th year of his age.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 11, 1892, Rev. Jeremiah Odell, from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery and licensed:

June 13, 1892, Henry G. Dean.

Ordination:

June 13, 1892, Henry G. Dean, as an Evangelist.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

August 9, 1892, between Rev. Edgar P. Salmon and the Church at Knowlesville;

September 13, between Rev. Edward Snyder and the Church at Youngstown;

October 17, between Rev. S. Horace Beshgetoor and the Church at Barre Centre.

Ministers dismissed :

June 13, 1892, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, to the Presbytery of Steuben ;
 October 17, Rev. S. Horace Beshgetoor, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Miscellaneous :

August 9, 1892, Rev. Edward Huntingt Rudd was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, to succeed Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, resigned.

September 13, Ezra T. Coann and William H. Evans were re-elected Trustees for three years.

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of ten ministers and six churches. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1892.]

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of thirty-nine ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

April 19, 1892, Rev. Joseph C. Wyckoff, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati ;
 July 5, Rev. Plato T. Jones, from the Presbytery of St. Paul ;
 July 26, Rev. J. Napier Husted, from the Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. Edward L. Allen, from the Methodist Episcopal Church ;
 October 3, Rev. Charles L. Carhart, from the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
 October 4, Rev. Thomas D. Jester, from the Presbytery of Chester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 19, 1892, T. Calvin McClelland, from the Presbytery of New York ;
 October 3, Albert Wyckoff.

License conferred :

April 20, 1892, on T. Calvin McClelland.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

January 18, 1892, between Rev. Samuel Carruthers and the Church of Wappinger's Falls ;

February 3, between Rev. Charles E. Bronson and the Church of Marlborough ;

March 15, between Rev. Frank M. Carson and the Church of Matteawan ;

April 5, between Rev. William G. Westervelt and the Church of Milton ;

October 4, between Rev. Henry G. Birchby and the Church of Smithfield.

Installations :

October 28, 1891, Rev. John Jay Crane, over the Church at Pleasant Plains ;

September 13, 1892, Rev. Plato T. Jones, over the Church at Matteawan.

Ministers dismissed :

January 18, 1892, Rev. Samuel Carruthers, to the Presbytery of Guelph, Canada ;

February 3, Rev. Charles E. Bronson, to the Presbytery of Saginaw ;

March 15, Rev. Frank M. Carson, to the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids ;

April 5, Rev. William G. Westervelt, to the Presbytery of Albany ;
 April 11, Rev. Frank Edgar Kavanagh, to the Presbytery of Columbia ;
 September 5, Rev. Theodore F. Burnham, to the Presbytery of Benicia ;
 October 4, Rev. Henry G. Birchby, to the Classis of Michigan.

Licentiate dismissed :

July 5, 1892, T. Calvin McClelland, to the Classis of Long Island.

Deceased :

November 4, 1891, at Newburgh, N. Y., Rev. David Judson Atwater, aged 50 years.

October 4, 1892, Charles E. Snyder was chosen Treasurer *pro tem.*, in place of Moses C. Belknap, deceased.

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received :

February 16, 1892, Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, from the Presbytery of Hudson ;
 April 26, Rev. George Reynolds, from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids, and Rev. Horatio W. Shaw, from the Presbytery of Binghamton ;
 October 6, Rev. David H. Christensen, from the Presbytery of 'Utica.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 14, 1892, Peter McKenzie.

Licensed :

October 6, 1892, Milton C. Hambly.

Ordination :

October 6, 1892, Milton C. Hambly.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

January 14, 1892, between Rev. Samuel V. V. Holmes and the Church at Richfield Springs ;

April 27, between Rev. Howard A. Percival and the Church at Hamden.

Installations :

February 16, 1892, Rev. Thos. Fitzgerald, over Colchester Church, Downsville ;
 May 5, Rev. George Reynolds, over the Church at Richfield Springs ;
 October 6, Rev. Milton C. Hambly, over the Church at Hamden.

Ministers dismissed :

January 14, 1892, Rev. Samuel V. V. Holmes, to the Presbytery of Washington City ;
 April 27, Rev. Howard A. Percival, to the Presbytery of Logansport ;
 October 6, Rev. Frank H. Coffran, to the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Rev. German H. Chatterton, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Church organized :

October 27, 1891, Margaretville.

Change in name of Church :

April 27, 1892, "Guilford and Norwich" to "North Guilford."

Rev. Charles Edward Fay was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Sept. 13, 1892.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of sixty ministers and forty-six churches, and has under its care two licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

December 21, 1891, Rev. George C. Frost, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo;

December 25, Rev. William Taylor, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

February 8, 1892, Rev. Kingsley F. Norris, from the Anoka Congregational Conference;

February 10, Rev. Herman C. Riggs, D. D., from the Susquehanna Association;

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 12, 1892, George L. Curtis;

September 21, Herbert S. Harris.

Licenses conferred and licentiates received:

April 12, 1892, Boon Itt, George L. Curtis and William J. Gregory were licensed.

September 20, Frank B. Carlton was received as a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Ordinations:

May 11, 1892, Boon Itt;

May 18, Vahan K. Beshgetoor;

October 11, Frank B. Carlton.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 29, 1891, between Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D. D., and the Church of Honeoye Falls;

June 13, 1892, between Rev. Glenroie McQueen and the Calvary Church, Rochester;

September 21, between Rev. Johnson A. Henderson and the Church of Caledonia.

Installations:

February 18, 1892, Rev. George C. Frost, over the Church of Honeoye Falls;

October 11, Rev. Frank B. Carlton, over the Church of Livonia.

Ministers dismissed:

September 22, 1891, Rev. Theodore McNair, to the Presbytery of Tokio;

December 31, Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D. D., to the Aurora Congregational Association of Illinois;

April 13, 1892, Rev. James F. Calkins, to the Presbytery of Geneva;
 June 13, Rev. Glenroie McQueen, to the Rock River Presbytery;
 September 12, Rev. Vahan K. Beshgetoor, to the Presbytery of Lake Superior.

Deceased:

October, 30, 1891, Rev. George W. Lane, at Moscow, N. Y., in the 78th year of his age;

January 10, 1892, Rev. Timothy H. Quigley, at Batavia, N. Y., in the 73d year of his age;

February 3, Rev. Edward B. Walsworth, D. D., at Livonia, N. Y., in the 74th year of his age;

February 4, Rev. A. Augustus Wood, D. D., at Flushing, N. Y., in the 81st year of his age;

June 25, Rev. Linus W. Billington, at Scottsville, N. Y., in the 91st year of his age.

Church received:

The Church at East Kendall transferred, by the Synod, from the Presbytery of Niagara, October 22, 1891.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of twenty-nine ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 12, 1892, Charles G. Cady;

April 13, James Elmer Russell;

June 30, DeWitt L. Pelton.

License conferred:

April 13, 1892, on Charles G. Cady.

Ordination:

June 30, 1892, DeWitt L. Pelton.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 9, 1891, between Rev. Junius J. Cowles and the Church of Adams;

May 26, 1892, between Rev. John H. Gardner and the Second Oswegatchie Church.

Installations:

October 19, 1891, Rev. Alexander K. McNaughton, over the Church in Dexter;

June 30, 1892, Rev. DeWitt L. Pelton, over the Church in Adams.

Ministers dismissed:

November 9, 1891, Rev. Junius J. Cowles, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

April 11, 1892, Rev. James W. Hillman, to the Presbytery of Long Island, and

Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, to the Presbytery of Schuyler;

May 26, Rev. John H. Gardner, to the Presbytery of Champlain.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of ten ministers and seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

January 5, 1891, Rev. A. Willard Cooper, from the Presbytery of Iowa, and Rev. Frank L. Snyder, from the Presbytery of Indianapolis.

Ministers dismissed:

January 4, 1892, Rev. James M. McCauley, to the Second Presbytery of Tokio of the United Church of Christ in Japan, and Rev. Egon Wachter, to the Presbytery of Kansas City.

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-six churches, and has seven candidates under its care.

Ministers received:

April 20, 1892, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, from the Presbytery of Monroe, and Rev. Charles W. McCarthy, from the Presbytery of Chippewa;

September 14, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, from the Presbytery of Niagara;

October 6, Rev. Joseph D. Hillman, from the Church of the United Brethren.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

September 14, 1892, Hiram Bacon and Fred Crandall;

October 6, Alfred F. Pratt, received from the Presbytery of Saginaw.

Licenses conferred:

April 20, 1892, on Daniel Redmon and George D. Miller.

Ordination:

April 20, 1892, Daniel Redmon.

Installation:

October 6, 1892, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, over the Campbell Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 20, 1892, Rev. Augustus Frederick, to the Presbytery of Chesung; Rev. Augustus Lane, to the Presbytery of Cleveland; and Rev. Daniel Redmon, to the Presbytery of New York;

July 15, Rev. George R. Smith, to the Presbytery of Emporia.

Licentiate transferred:

April 20, 1892, George D. Miller, to the Presbytery of Long Island.

Deceased:

December 9, 1891, Rev. Lewis F. Lane, of Canisteota, in the 51st year of his age.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of thirty-three ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care two licentiates and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

December 7, 1891, Rev. George Benaugh, D. D., from the Presbytery of Utica;
October 3, 1892, Rev. Perez D. Cowan, from the Middlesex South Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

September 20, 1892, Oliver Thomas Mather, Jacob S. Surbeck, Warren D. More.

Licentiates received:

May 2, 1892, John C. Ball, from the Presbytery of Utica;
September 20, Philip N. Moore, from the Orleans Association;
October 3, Edward W. Miller, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Ordinations:

April 11, 1892, S. Dwight Waterbury;
June 28, John C. Ball;
October 3, Edward W. Miller.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

April 11, 1892, between Rev. John C. Mead and the Church at Canastota;
September 20, between Rev. Alexander H. Fraser and the Church at Jamesville.

Installations:

June 28, 1892, Rev. John C. Ball, over the Church at Pompey;
October 3, Rev. Edward W. Miller, over the East Genesee Church of Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed:

April 11, 1892, Rev. Samuel H. Meade, M. D., to the Presbytery of Cayuga, and
Rev. John C. Mead, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
April 12, Rev. Alfred E. Myers, to the Classis of New York;
May 2, Rev. S. Dwight Waterbury, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
September 20, Rev. William C. Brass, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Church organized:

May 2, 1892, the East Genesee Church of Syracuse.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY consists of fifty ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

April 18, 1892, Rev. J. Addison Whitaker, from the Presbytery of Washington City, and Rev. John R. Crosser, from the Presbytery of Boston;

April 19, Rev. William Williams, from the Synod of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist (or Presbyterian) Churches in the State of New York, and Rev. George H. Cleveland, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;

September 27, Rev. Jacob G. Miller, D. D., from the Mitchell Congregational Association of Iowa.

License conferred:

April 18, 1892, on Joseph McIntyre.

Licentiate received:

September 26, 1892, Fred L. Benedict, from the Presbytery of Platte.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

March 21, 1892, between Rev. Daniel W. Fox and the Church of Warrensburgh;

May 31, between Rev. James L. Harrington and the Church of Brunswick;

September 27, between Rev. John Tatlock, D. D., and the Church of Hoosick Falls, and between Rev. DeWitt G. Rockefeller and the Church of Whitehall.

Installations:

June 26, 1892, Rev. John R. Crosser, over the Church of Glens Falls;

July 5, Rev. James L. Harrington, over the Church of Middle Granville.

Ministers dismissed:

March 21, 1892, Rev. Daniel W. Fox, to the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and Rev. Josiah Still, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

September 27, Rev. DeWitt G. Rockefeller, to the Boston Congregational Association.

Candidate transferred:

April 18, 1892, George W. Clark, to the Presbytery of Pueblo.

Licentiate transferred:

July 28, 1892, Joseph McIntyre, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Honorably retired:

April 18, 1892, Rev. Alexander Proudfit.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of fifty ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care four licentiates and fifteen candidates.

Ministers received:

January 25, 1892, Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, from the Presbytery of Chemung;

April 12, Rev. Sybrandt Nelson, from the Presbytery of Lyons, and Rev. John H. Pollock, from the Presbytery of Niagara;

October 7, Rev. William C. Robinson, from the Presbytery of Boston.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 12, 1892, Robert B. Perine;
 May 18, Zelotus Wesley Commerfort;
 September 27, Frederick J. De La Fleur.

Licenses conferred:

April 12, 1892, on Milo B. Loughlen, David G. Smith, David H. Chrestensen, John C. Ball, J. Russell Jones and Joseph L. Spurlarke;
 September 27, on John Frederick Fitschen.

Ordinations:

April 12, 1892, Charles B. Augur, Joseph L. Spurlarke, David H. Chrestensen, Milo B. Loughlen, J. Russell Jones;
 October 7, John F. Fitschen.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 9, 1891, between Rev. George Benaugh, D. D., and the Church at Camden;
 April 12, 1892, between Rev. Thomas R. G. Peck and the Church at Waterville.

Installations:

May 18, 1892, Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, over Bethany Church, Utica;
 June 7, Rev. John H. Pollock, over the Churches at Litchfield and Norwich Corners;
 October 7, Rev. John F. Fitschen, over the Church at Waterville.

Ministers dismissed:

November 9, 1891, Rev. Israel H. Northrup, to the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. George Benaugh, D. D., to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
 January 25, 1892, Rev. Cornelius C. Cook, to the Presbytery of Columbia;
 May 18, Rev. Milo B. Loughlen, to the Presbytery of Winona;
 September 27, Rev. David H. Chrestensen, to the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Charles B. Augur, to the Presbytery of Mankato; and Rev. John M. Wolcott, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licentiates dismissed:

April 12, 1892, David G. Smith, to the Presbytery of New York, and John C. Ball, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidate dismissed:

October 7, 1892, Charles M. Dodge, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Deceased:

January 1, 1892, Rev. William M. Hoyt, at Martinsburgh, N. Y., in the 50th year of his age;

March 8, Rev. Martin Ellis Grant, at Plessis, N. Y., in the 49th year of his age;
May 13, Rev. Edward C. Pritchett, at Utica, N. Y., in the 80th year of his age.

Church organized:

April 6, 1892, The First Church of Glendale, Lewis County, N. Y.

XXX. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of sixty-two ministers and thirty-seven churches, and has under its care nine licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

January 19, 1892, Rev. Francis E. Smith, from the Presbytery of Washington City, and Rev. Addison K. Strong, D. D., on the return of his certificate of dismissal to the Presbytery of Dayton;

April 6, Rev. Edwin Cone Bissell, D. D., from the Middlesex Association of Connecticut;

April 20, Rev. Thomas J. Evans, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

October 5, Rev. Edwin Knox Mitchell, from the Presbytery of East Florida; and Rev. David Laughlin, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

January 19, 1892, Gerhart A. Wilson, from the Presbytery of Chicago;

April 20, Oliver R. Willis, Ph. D., and Robert H. Life.

Licenses conferred:

April 21, 1892, on Robert Irwin MacBride and Benjamin W. Labaree;

October 5, on Oliver R. Willis, Ph. D.

Licentiates received:

April 20, 1892, Joseph F. Folsom, from the Presbytery of Newark;

June 21, William Edgar Plumley, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Ordination:

June 21, 1892, Robert R. White and Joseph F. Folsom.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

January 3, 1892, between Rev. John F. Lynn and the Pleasantville Church;

March 31, between Rev. Harris R. Schenck and the Mt. Kisco Church;

April 20, between Rev. Henry R. White and the Gilead Church;

October 5, between Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D., and the Hartford Church, and between Rev. John S. Allen and the Patterson Church.

Installations:

November 10, 1891, Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey, D. D., over the Church of White Plains;

February 2, 1892, Rev. Francis E. Smith, over the Second Church of New Rochelle, N. Y.;

June 21, Rev. Robert R. White, over the Church of Bedford, and Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, over the Church of Pound Ridge, N. Y.;

June 27, Rev. Henry R. White, over the Pleasantville Church.

Ministers dismissed:

March 16, 1892, Rev. Daniel N. Freeland, to the Presbytery of East Florida; Rev. John F. Lynn, to the Presbytery of Montana; and Rev. Harris R. Schenck, to the Presbytery of Carlisle;

April 19, Rev. Franklin B. Dwight, to the Presbytery of New York;

October 4, Rev. Charles P. Fagnani, to the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Addison D. Madeira, D. D., to the Presbytery of Upper Missouri;

October 5, Rev. John S. Allen, to the Classis of Newark of the Reformed Church.

Licentiate transferred:

November 4, 1891, Hugh Lenox Hodge, to the Presbytery of Chester.

Candidate transferred:

January 19, 1892, Gerhart A. Wilson, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Deceased:

March 14, 1892, Rev. Hugh A. McKelvey, aged 74 years.

Church organized:

October 18, 1891, the Second Presbyterian Church at New Rochelle, N. Y.

XXXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN PERSIA consists of six ministers, with two others on a supplementary roll. It has in connection with it 34 churches, 37 native ministers, 44 licentiates and 13 candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1892.]

SUMMARY.

Ministers.....	1,130	Licentiates.....	57
Churches.....	854	Candidates.....	147

NOTE.—Of the Presbytery of Western Persia the six ministers only are included in the summary.

III. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D. D., <i>Convener</i>	Geneva	Utica.
1882.	Howard Crosby, D. D.....	New York.....	Utica.
1883.	James McLeod, D. D.	Buffalo.....	New York.
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D. D.....	Albany.....	Buffalo.
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D. D.....	St. Lawrence.....	Troy.
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D. D.	Genesee	Elmira.
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D. D.....	Boston.....	Auburn.
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D. D.....	Buffalo.....	Syracuse.
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D. D.	Utica.....	Poughkeepsie.
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.	Albany	Lockport.
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D. D.	Cayuga.....	Watertown.
1892.	Levi Parsons, D. D.	Rochester.....	Albany.

IV. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

CAYUGA: Rev. Anson L. Hassler, *Treasurer*, Auburn.

COLUMBIA: Rev. Christopher G. Hazard, *Stated Clerk*, Catskill.

NIAGARA: Rev. Edward Huntting Rudd, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Albion.

NORTH RIVER: Mr. Charles E. Snyder, *Treasurer pro tem.*, Newburgh.

OTSEGO: Rev. Charles E. Fay, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Unadilla.

V. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Buffalo.

Treasurer: Warner Van Norden, Esq., Bank of North America, New York.

Legal Committee: William Allen Butler and Henry Day, Esqrs.

Term Expiring in 1893: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., William A. Wheelock, Henry Day.

Term Expiring in 1894: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, James Bayles.

Term Expiring in 1895: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D. D., Edward Wells, Warner Van Norden.

Members Ex-Officio: Rev. Levi Parsons, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

VI. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Term Expiring in 1893.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,	Rev. Charles Van Norden,
Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D.,	Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D.,	Warner Van Norden,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.	

Term Expiring in 1894.

John T. Rathbun,	Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,
John I. Nicks,	Seymour Dexter,
Newton P. Fassett,	Mrs. Howard Elmer.

Term Expiring in 1895.

Alexander S. Diven,	Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Daniel R. Pratt,	Rev. George H. McKnight,
Francis Hall,	Mrs. Helen B. Turner.

2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Term Expiring in 1893.—Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, Rev. James R. Robinson, Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D. D.

Term Expiring in 1894.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Marcus N. Preston, Prof. Philip M. Hull.

Term Expiring in 1895.—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

VII. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

“The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the

number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

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